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Feds: Rep. Duncan Hunter paid for affairs with campaign cash

By MICHAEL R. BLOOD Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter of California illegally used campaign money to finance romantic flings with lobbyists and congressional aides, spending thousands of dollars on meals, cocktails and vacations, federal prosecutors say.

A government court filing late Monday detailed allegations about the married Republican congressman's affairs with five women following an indictment last year charging Hunter and his wife with misspending more than \$200,000 in campaign funds on trips and other personal expenses.

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In this Aug. 23, 2018, file photo, Republican U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., leaves an arraignment hearing in San Diego after he and his wife, Margaret, pleaded not guilty to charges they illegally used his campaign account for personal expenses.

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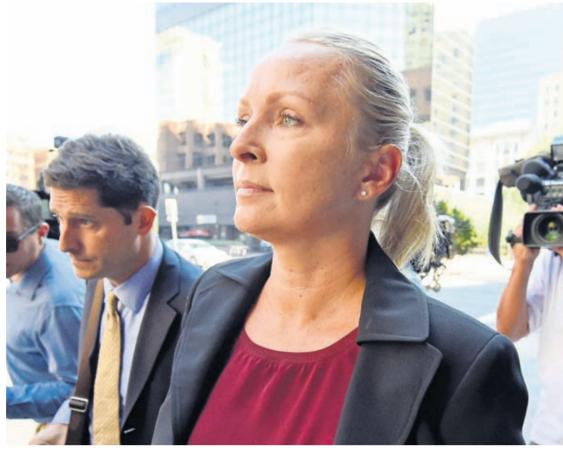
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Margaret Hunter, who served as the congressman's campaign chairwoman, pleaded guilty this month to one count of corruption and agreed to testify against her husband. In the new motion, prosecutors reconstructed Rep. Hunter's alleged clandestine lifestyle with precision, providing times when he arrived and departed after liaisons and listing a wide range of expenses he represented as campaign-related activity, such as paying for dates with a woman who had become his lover shortly after she started working in his office.

He used his campaign treasury for even seemingly incidental purchases — a \$7 beer at a hotel bar while on a ski trip with one of the women, and an Uber ride after a liaison with another lobbyist in October 2015.

Hunter has said he is the target of politically motivated prosecutors. His lawyer, Gregory Vega, didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment about the new court



In this Aug. 23, 2018 file photo, Margaret Hunter, the wife of U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., arrives for an arraignment hearing in San Diego.

filing.

It came the same day Hunter's attorney filed a motion to dismiss the indictment, arguing that the search and seizure of his congressional records violated the Constitution. Vega wrote that the Constitution does not place members of Congress above the law but does "protect them from prosecution for their legislative activities and from having to disclose legislative records, absent their consent."

In an interview with Fox News last year, the six-term congressman said his campaign made mistakes, that he gave his wife power of attorney when he deployed as a Marine to Iraq in 2003 and that she handled his finances during his last five terms in office.

The government's filing suggested that Hunter tapped into campaign funds because he had no other source of money to bankroll his romantic relationships.

During a weekend ski trip with a lobbyist, his personal bank account had a negative balance and he had been hit with \$33 fees six times for overdrawing the account, prosecutors said. "Given the pronounced financial difficulties the Hunters were facing, his use of campaign funds to pursue these relationships was necessary for Hunter to satisfy his desire for intimacy," prosecutors wrote.

The filing provided a look into a string of his alleged relationships and an accounting of campaign funds that were spent. Among them:

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— Sometime after April 2009, shortly after coming to Congress, Hunter became romantically involved with a lobbyist and began staying at her home while occasionally spending campaign funds for food and beverages, prosecutors said.

— In January 2010, Hunter flew to Reno, Nevada, ostensibly to attend a convention for a nonprofit group.

After a brief stop at the convention, Hunter and a lobbyist headed for a ski resort near Lake Tahoe, where they spent the weekend skiing and ordering room service, according to the filing.

Prosecutors said Hunter used campaign funds to rent a car, pay the hotel tab and fly back to Washington.

— In August 2012, while attending the Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida, Hunter began a romantic relationship with a woman who worked for a member of the House leadership.

Hunter later began staying at her home "nearly every night," prosecutors said.

He used campaign funds for cocktails and Uber rides. — On Sept. 14, 2016, Hunter and another lobbyist engaged in "intimate personal activities unrelated to Hunter's campaign," prosecutors said.

He used campaign funds to pay for an Uber to return to his office the next morning.

Prosecutors said evidence about the congressman's affairs is necessary to "demonstrate Hunter's ... intent to break the law and to establish his motive to embezzle from his campaign." Alluding to the motion to dismiss the charges, prosecutors wrote that the "sequence of romantic liaisons is so far removed from any legitimate campaign or congressional activity as to rebut any argument that Hunter believed these were proper uses of campaign funds."

The government's filing also referred to "additional potentially sensitive conduct" by the congressman with personal friends that could taint the jury pool if revealed.

Both sides are discussing an agreement in which evidence of the get-togethers, financed by campaign dollars, would not be introduced at trial.

Hunter was re-elected by Southern California's most Republican congressional district last year despite the indictment. His trial is set for Sept. 10.

His lawyer also filed a motion to move the court case out of San Diego County, predicting that Hunter would not receive a fair trial because of "enormous negative local media coverage."

He also said Hunter's ties to President Donald Trump could taint the trial with politics, because Trump lost the county in the 2016 election by 18 points.

He said Hunter could get an impartial jury in the court's Eastern District of California, which includes several largely rural counties carried by Trump in 2016.





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Port Authority seeking fare, toll hikes across New York area



In this Nov. 22, 2016, file photo, people riding the AirTrain approach Terminal B at Newark Liberty International Airport in Newark, N.J.

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NEW YORK (AP) — The au- on PATH trains haven't risen thority that operates New York's airports and many of its bridges and tunnels is proposing fare and toll hikes across a broad swath of its facilities, some potentially taking effect as early as this fall, to keep pace with inflation and help fund more than \$30 billion in capital projects over the next decade.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey laid out its plans Tuesday to raise tolls at its bridges and tunnels and hike fares on its PATH rail service and on trains to JFK and Newark Liberty International airports. It also will seek a \$4 surcharge on app-based car services and taxis when they pick up fares at New York-area airports.

in line with other transpor-

in five years. The plans announced Tuesday also call for roughly \$5 billion to be added to the authority's 10-year capital plan, for a total of about \$37 billion. Most of the increase would go to replacing the Newark air train, which officials have estimated will be obsolete by 2022; the ongoing redevelopment of JFK Airport and a new air train to LaGuardia Airport. The new capital plan also would dedicate \$35 million for planning for a new Terminal B at Newark Liberty Airport, where construction already is underway to replace Terminal A.

Public hearings will be held next month. A board vote could happen as early as September.

The increases are needed Toll increases tied to inflato keep up with inflation tion at the authority's four and bring fares and tolls bridges and two tunnels were authorized by the tation agencies, the Port Port Authority board in 2008 Authority said Tuesday. For and again in 2011. Tolls rose example, fares on the air in four scheduled increases trains to Newark and JFK air- between 2012 and 2015. ports haven't risen in more Based on inflation since than a dozen years. Fares then, a threshold will be

reached in 2020 to require described Tuesday. another hike, the Port Authority said.

Cash tolls would rise from \$15 to \$16, and E-ZPass rates would rise \$1.25 for both peak and off-peak periods, by the beginning of 2020, under the proposal

The air trains to JFK and Newark airports would rise from \$5.00 at JFK and \$5.50 at Newark to \$7.75 at both. Single-ride PATH rail tickets would stay at \$2.75 but discounts for multi-ride passes would be significantly re-

duced, beginning as early as November 1. Taxis and app-based car services would be charged \$4.00 for each fare picked up at one of the airports, and the app-based services would also be charged \$4.00 for each drop-off.



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Protesters gather to demand the defunding of government agencies for border protection and customs enforcement, Tuesday, June 25, 2019, on Capitol Hill in Washington.

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House looks set to pass emergency funding bill for migrants

By ANDREW TAYLOR and **ALAN FRAM Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP)

House Democrats were teeing up a vote Tuesday night on a \$4.5 billion emergency border aid package to care for thousands of migrant families and unaccompanied children detained after crossing the U.S.-Mexico border.

Democratic leaders appeared confident that they had quelled a mini-revolt by progressives and Hispanic lawmakers who sought significant changes to the legislation. New provisions added to the bill Tuesday were more modest than what those lawmakers had sought, but a full-court press by Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., and other party leaders seemed to quiet the rebellion.

Passage of the House bill would set up a showdown with the Republican-led Senate, which may instead force Democrats to send Trump a different, and broadly bipartisan, companion measure in coming days as the chambers race to wrap up the must-do legislation by the end of the week. "The Senate has a good bill. Our bill is much better," Pelosi told her Democratic colleagues in a meeting Tuesday morning, according to a senior Democratic aide who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe the private session. "You can find fault with any bill that comes down the pike, but we must respect the bill for what is does rather criticize it for what it does not."

The bill contains more than \$1 billion to shelter and feed migrants detained by the border patrol and almost \$3 billion to care for unaccompanied migrant children who are turned over the Department of Health and Human Servicproved standards of care at HHS "influx shelters" that house children waiting to be placed with sponsors such as family members in the U.S.

Both House and Senate bills ensure funding could not be shifted to Trump's border wall and would block information on sponsors of immigrant children from being used to deport them. Trump would be denied additional funding for Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention beds.

"This is strictly a supplemental that's in response to a humanitarian crisis that is taking place right now," said Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-Calif., one of the authors of the bill. She said language in the measure limits the use of the funding to "food, clothing, better shelter facilities and so on." The White House is threatening to veto the House bill, saying it would hamstring the administration's border security efforts, and the Senate's top Republican suggested Tuesday that the House should simply accept the Senate measure — which received only a single "nay" vote during a committee vote last week.

"The idea here is to get a (presidential) signature, so I think once we can get that out of the Senate, hopefully on a vote similar to the one in the Appropriations Committee, I'm hoping that the House will conclude that's the best way to get the problem solved, which can only happen with a signature," said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. Congress plans to leave Washington in a few days for a weeklong July 4 es. It seeks to mandate im- recess, and pressure is intense to wrap up the legislation before then. Agencies are about to run out of money and failure to act could bring a swift political rebuke and accusations of ignoring the plight of innocent immigrant children.



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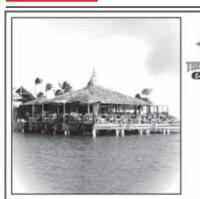
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E-bikes encounter rocky road to approval despite popularity



In this June 8, 2019 photo, Gordon and Janice Goodwin show their electric-assist bicycles outside their home in Bar Harbor, Maine. The bikes are banned on carriage roads and bicycle paths in nearby Acadia National Park.

By DAVID SHARP **Associated Press**

BAR HARBOR, Maine (AP)

- Gordon Goodwin and his wife are rediscovering their passion for bicycling in their senior years thanks to new electric-assist bikes. The electric motors provide a gentle kick, making it easier for them to pedal up hilly roads around Maine's Acadia National Park.

"We're getting older," said Gordon, who turns 69 Wednesday. But, he added, "It's nice to go somewhere and have the breeze in your hair, like you did when you were young." They can't get that experience on Acadia's bicycle paths, though.

The National Park Service classifies their so-called ebikes as motorized vehicles, relegating them mostly to paved roads clogged with summer traffic. Nationwide, the agency and others that manage public lands keep

thousands of miles of trail \$144 million in the U.S. last off-limits to e-bikes.

Across the country, regulators are sorting out how to classify the two-wheelers, which are something more than a bicycle, something less than a motorcycle. The National Park Service, for its part, may soon loosen its restrictions.

"I'm hoping that they're going to come to reality," said Janice Goodwin, Gordon's wife. "This will get more popular as time goes

E-bikes are the fastestgrowing segment of the bicycle industry. They're popular with commuters and baby boomers who might not otherwise be able to get out on a bicycle.

The bikes, which can cost \$2,000 or more, combine the frame of a regular bike with lightweight batteries and electric motors for extra zip.

Their sales jumped 72% to

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year, helping to breathe life into bicycle sales that have been relatively flat, according to the NPD Group, which tracks retail bike sales nationwide.

Their popularity has led to conflict.

In bike-friendly southern California, as local land managers take cues from agencies like the National Park Service, some are banning e-bikes from bicycle paths. That has angered riders, said Morgan Lommele, of PeopleForBikes, a bicycle advocacy group and trade association.

Major bicycle companies including Trek, Specialized, Cannondale and Giant want electric-assisted twowheelers to be treated like bicycles and not like mopeds, scooters or motorcycles, said Jay Townley, who analyzes cycling industry trends at Human Powered Solutions.

Maine and 21 other states have adopted laws that classify e-bikes into categories. Most are treated like regular bicycles under such laws, said Lommele, who has been working with states to create uniform definitions. Only the fastest e-bikes are restricted to roads. At Acadia National Park, the e-bikes are welcome on paved roads inside the park and even on dirt roads where cars and trucks are allowed.

But they're not allowed on the 57 miles (92 kilometers) of carriage roads funded and built by John D. Rockefeller Jr. that meander throughout the park, offering stunning views of lakes, mountains and the ocean. The carriage paths are popular with bicyclists.

The only exceptions for e-

bikes are for people who qualify for mobility devices under the Americans With Disabilities Act, said Christie Anastasia, park spokeswoman. For the Goodwins, the middle-range Specialized e-bikes were a significant investment that has allowed them to get outdoors and get moving.

They hope the park service reconsiders and allows e-bikes wherever regular bikes are permitted. A National Park Service spokeswoman said the new rules are expected in comina weeks.

Gordon Goodwin, who's an electrician, said at the very least he'd like to see a trial period for e-bikes on the carriage paths.

"Everybody should get out there and enjoy the park," he said.

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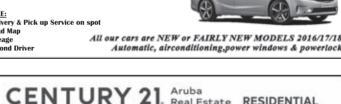
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Illinois becomes 11th state to allow recreational marijuana

By JOHN O'CONNOR **AP Political Writer** SPRINGFIELD, III. (AP) — II-

linois' new governor delivered on a top campaign promise Tuesday by signing legislation making the state the 11th to approve marijuana for recreational use in a program offering legal remedies and economic benefits to minorities whose lives critics say were damaged by a wayward war on drugs.

Legalization in Illinois also means that nearly 800,000 people with criminal records for purchasing or possessing 30 grams of marijuana or less may have those records expunged, a provision minority lawmakers and interest groups demanded. It also gives cannabis-vendor preference to minority owners and promises 25% of tax revenue from marijuana sales to redevelop impoverished communities.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker, whose election last year gave Democrats complete control over state government again after four years unpredecessor der GOP Bruce Rauner, signed the



Gov. J. B. Pritzker holds a bill that legalizes adult-use cannabis in the state of Illinois Tuesday, June 25, 2019 at Sankofa Cultural Arts and Business Center in Chicago. Illinois becomes the 11th to legalize the adult-use of recreational marijuana.

bill in Chicago amid a bevy of pot proponents, including the plan's lead sponsors, Rep. Kelly Cassidy and Sen. Heather Steans, both Chicago Democrats.

"Today, we're hitting the 'reset' button on the war on drugs," Cassidy said. Residents may purchase

and possess up to 1 ounce

(30 grams) of marijuana at a time. Non-residents may have 15 grams. The law provides for cannabis purchases by adults 21 and older at approved dispensaries, which, after they're licensed and established, may start selling Jan. 1, 2020. Possession remains a crime until Jan. 1, a spokes-

said. "The war on cannabis has destroyed families, filled prisons with nonviolent offenders, and disproportionately disrupted black and brown communities," Pritzker said. "Law

man for Senate Democrats

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enforcement across the nation has spent billions of dollars to enforce the criminalization of cannabis, yet its consumption remains

Pritzker claimed that, once

established, taxation of

marijuana could generate

\$800 million to \$1 billion a

year. He said dispensary li-

censing would bring in \$170

widespread." On the campaign trail,

million in the coming year alone. But Cassidy and Steans have dampened that prediction, lowering estimates to \$58 million in the first year and \$500 million annually within five years. Carrying the psychoactive ingredient THC, marijuana was effectively outlawed in the U.S. in 1937 and in the 1970s was declared a drug with no medicinal purpose and high potential for abuse. Blacks have been most susceptible since then to "Just say 'No'''era crackdowns. Pritzker quoted a 2010 statistic from the American Civil Liberties Union that while blacks comprise 15% of IIlinois' population, they account for 60% of cannabis-

possession arrests. Peoria Democratic Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth summarized marijuana's recent history as one where "white men would get rich and black men would get arrested." The plan addresses those concerns with the criminalrecord scrubbing by giving preference to would-be marijuana vendors in areas of high poverty and records of large numbers of convictions. And 25% of tax proceeds must be reinvested in impoverished communities, while 20% is dedicated to substance-abuse treatment programs.

"What we are doing here about reparations," Gordon-Booth said. "After 40 years of treating entire communities like criminals, here comes this multibilliondollar industry, and guess what? Black and brown people have been put at the very center of this policy in a way that no other state has ever done."

Police organizations are wary, concerned about enforcing driving under the influence laws and arauina technology for testing marijuana impairment needs more development. Law enforcement organizations fearing black-market impacts were successful in killing an earlier provision that would have allowed anyone to grow up to five marijuana plants at home for personal use. Police said they'd have difficulty enforcing that, so the bill was amended to allow five plants to be maintained only by authorized patients under the state's medical marijuana law. They previously could not grow their own.

Ten other states and the District of Columbia have legalized smoking or eating marijuana for recreational use since 2012, when voters in Colorado and Washington state approved ballot initiatives. This year began with promising proposals in New York and New Jersey , but both fizzled late this spring. Despite a statewide listening tour on the issue by Pennsylvania's lieutenant governor last winter, the idea never took flight.



Feds: Texas family ran \$33M illegal sports gambling outfit

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BEAUMONT, **Texas (AP)** — Houston office in a state-Members of a southeast Texas family acknowledged in federal court Tuesday that they ran illegal bookmaking from the father's used car dealership for more than three decades, an enterprise federal authorities described as one of the nation's biggest illegal sports gambling and money laundering operations.

Larry Earnest Tillery, his wife Judy Kay Tillery and their son Brian Tillery pleaded guilty in federal court in Beaumont, Texas, to charges arising from their illicit sports betting operation. Larry Tillery, 69, and Brian Tilery, 46, pleaded guilty to making monetary transactions in property derived from unlawful activity and tax evasion.

Judy Tillery, 62, pleaded guilty to structuring financial transactions to evade tax reporting requirements Federal prosecutors say the Beaumont family's operation handled almost \$33 million from 2010 through 2016, with Judy Tillery helping her husband launder the cash proceeds of the activity and Brian Tillery helping to collect from and pay the bettors.

"For more than 30 years, this family operated one of the largest illegal sports gambling and money laundering operations in the U.S." said Mary Magness, assistant special agent in charge of the Homeland Security Investigations ment.

Larry Tillery faces up to 10 years in federal prison, while Judy and Brian Tillery face five years each in prison.

No sentencing date has been scheduled.

"I'm not a perfect man, made some mistakes. Stav away from the casinos," Larry Tillery told KFDM-TV of Beaumont.

Tillery's attorney, Chip Lewis, said in a statement to KFDM that the family appreciates support offered by people across southeast Texas. "Today is the last step in Mr. Tillery's efforts to handle his business with the

As part of their plea agreements with prosecutors, Larry and Judy Tillery have agreed to forfeit \$1.7 million in cash seized during the investigation, numerous pieces of jewelry and luxury watches and several sports memorabilia items. They also have agreed to a money judgment for the more-than-\$32 million they collected in their operation.

"The Tillerys ignored state and federal gambling laws and profited tremendously from a criminal enterprise. We intend to collect every bit of the money judgment that will be issued against them and we expect Larry Tillery's prison sentence to send a message to those who profit from illegal bookmaking," said U.S. Attorney Joseph Brown.

Official: Driver in motorcycle wreck should've lost license

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By MICHAEL CASEY **Associated Press**

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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — The head of the Massachusetts motor vehicle division has resigned for failing to terminate the commercial driving license of man whose collision with a group of motorcyclists in New Hampshire left seven dead.

Volodymyr Zhukovskyy, 23, on Tuesday pleaded not auilty to seven counts of negligent homicide.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Secretary and CEO Stephanie Pollack said in a statement that the RMV failed to act on information provided by the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles about an incident involving Zhukovskyy that should have cost him his license. As a result, she accepted the resignation of Erin Deveney. Connecticut prosecutors said Zhukovskyy was arrested May 11 in a Walmart parking lot in East Windsor after failing a sobriety test. Zhukovskyy's lawyer in that case, John O'Brien, said he denies being intoxicated and will fight the charge.

Zhukovskyy, a driver for a transport company who has a history of traffic arrests, was ordered Tuesday to remain in preventive detention, with a judge saying his driving record poses a potential danger to the public and himself.

The plea was entered by Zhukovskyy's attorney Melissa Davis in Coos County Court in Lancaster, New Hampshire. Zhukovskyy remains behind bars there.



In this April 29, 2014, file photo, Erin Deveney, interim head of the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, speaks during a news conference in Boston.

Associated Press

Davis didn't immediately return calls seeking comment.

The Dodge pickup Zhukovskyy was driving was towing a flatbed trailer and collided with the motorcycles in Randolph early Friday evening, investigators say. He was driving erratically and crossed the center line, according to criminal complaints released Tuesday.

A survivor of the crash said the trailer wiped out most of the bikers behind him.

Zhukovskyy was arrested Monday morning at his home in Massachusetts and handed over to New Hampshire authorities after a court appearance that day.

Jury selection is scheduled to begin Nov. 8, with the trial running through December.

Zhukovskyy was also arrested on a drunken driving charge in 2013 in Westfield, Massachusetts, state records show. He was placed

on probation for one year and had his license suspended for 210 days, The Westfield News reported. Zhukovskyy's father, who goes by the same name, told the Boston Herald that his son is a Ukrainian national and has permanent resident status in the U.S. The younger Zhukovskyy's court file includes a letter dated

Sunday from a deportation officer from Immigration and Customs Enforcement requesting details on his 2017 heroin and cocaine convictions.

Records from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration indicate that the company Zhukovskyy was driving for at the time of the motorcycle crash, Westfield Transport, has been cited for various violations in the past two years, MassLive.com reported.

Phones rang unanswered at the company. The owner has previously said he was cooperating with the investigation. \square



Boris Johnson fails to answer questions on private quarrel

By DANICA KIRKA Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Boris Johnson failed to shut down questions about his private life Tuesday as a round of media appearances served only to bog him down further in questions about character and trust. Johnson, who is running to be the next leader for both the Conservative Party and the nation, has refused to address personal questions despite an ongoing clamor to face public scrutiny after a reported quarrel with his girlfriend last week prompted a police visit.

In break from his previous strategy, the front-runner took part in three interviews in less than 24 hours, responding to challenger Jeremy Hunt's criticism that he was a "coward" and needed to face greater public scrutiny if he is to become prime minister.

Johnson toughened his stance on Britain's pending departure from the European Union, promising he would take the country out of the bloc by Halloween "do or die." He challenged Hunt to do the same.

But the personal issues were never far away. Speaking on LBC radio, Johnson was questioned over a picture



Britain's prime ministerial contender Boris Johnson addresses Conservative Party members during the Conservative Party leadership contest at the ICC in Birmingham, England, Saturday June 22, 2019.

showing him and girlfriend Carrie Symonds in the leafy Sussex countryside amid speculation that it was staged and released by his campaign. Symonds, a former Conservative Party press officer, has remained firmly out of the public eye since the reported quarrel Friday when a neighbor hear shouting, screaming

"The difficulty is that the minute you say one thing, you obviously are bringing

the couple shares.

and banging at the home

people, your loved ones, your family, into the public domain in a way that is not fair," Johnson said.

Asked where the photograph had come from and when it was taken, Johnson said "the longer we spend on things extraneous to what I want to do ... the bigger the waste of time." LBC host Nick Ferrari pressed on. He said the picture showed Johnson with a hairstyle he no longer wears and suggested it was an old image. Johnson sim-

ply refused to answer.

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"This conversation is now descending into farce," Johnson declared.

Johnson is the favorite in the runoff against Hunt but has refused to appear at some debates and shunned the media before changing tack. He granted the BBC an interview that was broadcast Monday evening and took on two other appearances by midmorning Tuesday.

In all the interviews, the former mayor of London

sought to turn the conversation back to his wish to bring Britain out of the EU by Oct. 31 — with or without a deal. He told talkRADIO that he would succeed where Prime Minister Theresa May had failed.

"I think a bit of positive energy would help, frankly. I've never seen such morosity and gloom from a government," he said. "For three years, we've been sitting around wrapped in defeatism, telling the British public that they can't do this or that. It is pathetic. It's absolutely pathetic."

The winner of the contest will replace May, who stepped down as party leader after failing to secure Parliament's approval for her Brexit deal.

What the public makes of the Johnson's personal life remains unclear. While chatting with supporters during a campaign visit Tuesday to the Royal Horticultural Society's gardens at Wisley, one supporter was caught by a BBC camera telling Johnson "we thought you were the best from the word go" before adding jokingly: "Just don't have any more rows."

Johnson replied: "No more rows. No, no, no. All quiet, all quiet."

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Turkey's leader vows to heed 'messages' of Istanbul election

By SUZAN FRASER Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey (AP) — In his first public appearance since a crushing defeat in a rerun election for mayor of Istanbul, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan on Tuesday vowed to draw lessons and make adjustments in line with "the messages given by the people." Addressing legislators from his ruling party in Parliament, Erdogan again congratulated opposition candidate Ekrem Imamoglu who garnered 54.21% of the vote in Istanbul on Sunday to become Istanbul's mayor. Erdogan had previously congratulated Imamoglu in a tweet.

Sunday's results came as a rare electoral defeat for Erdogan and broke the Is-



Turkey's President Recep Tayyip Erdogan addresses his ruling party MPs, in Ankara, Turkey, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

lamic-leaning ruling party's decades-old grip on Turkey's most important city. It was also a personal blow to Erdogan whose rise in Turkish politics had started with his own election as Istanbul mayor 25 years ago.

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He said his ruling party,
which is scheduled to meet
later Tuesday, would determine its "failings, disunity
and errors" and look for
ways to fix them.

In a related development, Erdogan in his speech marked the anniversary of last year's electoral win that also ushered in a new political system by abolishing the office of the prime minister and vastly expanded the powers of the president. Critics say the system has eroded democracy and paved the way to one-man rule.

Erdogan said the people and country had "accepted" and "adjusted" to the new system but stated that a committee lead by Vice President Fuat Oktay, would nevertheless be formed to assess possible shortcomings.

Hours later, Kemal Kilicdaroglu, who leads the main opposition party that backed Imamoglu, called for the new presidential system to be scrapped. "Let's lift this one-man regime and build a democratic system," Kilicdaroglu said in a speech in Parliament.

Speaking to journalists on his way out of parliament, Erdogan wouldn't rule out a Cabinet reshuffle following Sunday's defeat.

"If one is needed we will do it, but we won't take an order," Erdogan said.

Sunday's repeat election in Istanbul was held after the ruling party challenged the first vote over alleged irregularities, and Turkey's electoral board nullified the results and revoked Imamoglu's mandate after 18 days. Imamoglu won by around 800,000 votes more than his rival, compared with a 13,000-vote margin in the first vote.



Slain journalist's fiancee wants Saudis pressured at G-20

By JAMEY KEATEN **Associated Press**

GENEVA (AP) — The fiancee of slain journalist Jamal Khashoggi said she hopes Group of 20 leaders put pressure on Saudi Arabia at a summit this week to divulge more information about the killing, ratcheting up a campaign for justice that she also brought to the U.N.'s top human rights body Tuesday.

Hatice Cengiz spoke at a Human Rights Council event in Geneva about her grief from Khashoggi's October death at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. In an interview afterward, she said Saudi authorities "have to be punished in some way" for his slaying.

An independent U.N. expert said in a report made public last week that Saudi Arabia bears responsibility for The Washington Post



Hatice Cengiz is pictured at the U.N.-backed Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

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columnist's grisly apparent dismemberment by Saudi agents and Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's possible role in the killing should be examined.

Cengiz said in an interview with The Associated Press that she wants U.S. Presi-

dent Donald Trump and other world leaders to press the issue at the G-20 summit in Osaka, Japan, where the crown prince is on the guest list.

"Saudi Arabia needs to take steps in order for us to find out the truth about

this incident. They have to be punished in some way," Cengiz said. "This incident cannot remain unanswered."

Asked what she hoped the G-20 leaders would do at the summit on Friday and Saturday, she said: "Pressure can be put on Saudi Arabia."

Trump told NBC's "Meet the Press" over the weekend that Khashoggi's death has been investigated already and that when he and the Saudi prince spoke Thursday the journalist's killing "didn't come up."

The independent U.N. expert's report came out the day before, revealing new details.

In Geneva, Cengiz and U.N. special rapporteur expert Agnes Callamard appeared together Tuesday at a 90-minute event on the sidelines of a Human

Rights Council meeting.

Khashoggi was killed inside the Istanbul consulate after he went there to pick up a document he needed for them to get married. Cengiz, a Turkish citizen, said the possibility her fiancee might not really be dead haunts her because his body hasn't been found, compounding her loss with "an unbelievably different kind of trauma."

She cited many of Callamard's findings, which were released last week in a 101page report that included an excruciatingly detailed account of what were alleged as Khashoggi's final moments.

Speaking through a translator, Cengiz said the report needed to be acted upon and noted the crown prince may one day be Saudi Arabia's head of state.

Top Austrian court says Ukrainian oligarch can be sent to US

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VIENNA (AP) — Austria's ex-campaign manager, Paul Manafort, can be extradited to the United States in a bribery case.

Judges upheld a lower Vienna court's ruling that Dymitro Firtash, who was However, federal Judge whether the extradition

and then freed on bail, can it did because any scheme be sent to the U.S. The de-Supreme Court of Justice cision comes days after a Chicago-based company, ruled Tuesday that a Ukrai- Chicago federal judge re- the American aviation ginian oligarch who prosecu- jected a motion to dismiss ant Boeing. Boeing has said tors say had business ties to an indictment accusing it considered doing busi-President Donald Trump's Firtash of a conspiracy to ness with Firtash but never pay bribes in India to mine followed through. It is not titanium, which is used in accused of any wrongdojet engines. Firtash denies wrongdoing and argued cy reported that Justice that the U.S. has no jurisdiction over crimes in India. will now have to decide arrested in Austria in 2014 Rebecca Pallmeyer ruled can go ahead.

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Ukrainian oligarch Dymitro Firtash waits for the start of his trial at the Austrian supreme court in Vienna, Austria, Tuesday, June 25, 2019,

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Iran calls new US sanctions 'outrageous and idiotic'

By NASSER KARIMI **Associated Press**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran on Tuesday sharply criticized new U.S. sanctions targeting the Islamic Republic's supreme leader and other top officials, saying the measures spell the "permanent closure" for diplomacy between the two nations. For his part, Iran's president described the White House as "afflicted by mental retardation."

Hassan President Rouhani went on to call the sanctions against preme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei "outrageous and idiotic," especially as the 80-year-old Shiite cleric has no plans to ever travel to the United States.

From Israel, Trump's national security adviser John Bolton said talks with the U.S. were still possible and that the U.S. is leaving an "open door" for Iran to walk through.

But the comments from Tehran clearly showed its leaders think otherwise at a time of heightened tensions between Washington and Tehran over its nuclear program and Iran's downing of a U.S. military surveillance drone last week.

"The fruitless sanctions on



In this photo released by the official website of the office of the Iranian Presidency, President Hassan Rouhani attends a meeting with the Health Ministry officials in Tehran, Iran, Tuesday, June

Iran's leadership and the chief of Iranian diplomacy mean the permanent closure of the road of diplomacy with the frustrated U.S. administration," said Abbas Mousavi, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, according to the state-run IRNA news agency.

The crisis gripping the Middle East is rooted in Trump withdrawing the U.S. a year ago from Iran's 2015 nuclear deal and imposing crippling new sanctions on Tehran. Recently, Iran quadrupled its production of lowenriched uranium to be on pace to break one of the deal's terms by next week while also threatening to raise enrichment closer to weapons-grade levels on July 7 — if Europe doesn't offer a new deal.

Citing unspecified Iranian threats, the U.S. has sent

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an aircraft carrier to the Middle East and deployed additional troops alongside the tens of thousands already there. All this has raised fears that a miscalculation or further rise in tensions could push the U.S. and Iran into an open conflict, 40 years after the Islamic Revolution.

President Donald Trump enacted the new sanctions on Monday against Khamenei and his associates. The sanctions follow Iran's downing last week of a U.S. surveillance drone, worth over \$100 million, over the Strait of Hormuz, an attack that sharply escalated the crisis in the Persian Gulf. After the downing of the drone, Trump pulled back from the brink of retaliatory military strikes but continued his pressure campaign against Iran.

U.S. officials also said they plan sanctions against Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif, something that drew Rouhani's anger during his televised address on Tuesday. "You sanction the foreign minister simultaneously with a request for talks," an exasperated Rouhani said and called the sanctions "outrageous and idiotic." There was no immediate

reaction from Washington early on Tuesday to the remarks from Iran. The sharp comments are reminiscent of North Korea's verbal attacks on Trump before the dramatic change in course and the start of negotiations with Washington. However, in Iran's case, there are no signs Iranian leadership would welcome talks.

Egypt arrests 8, including ex-lawmaker and secular activists

By SAMY MAGDY **Associated Press**

CAIRO (AP) — Egyptian police arrested at least eight people on Tuesday, including a former lawmaker and key secular activists in the country's 2011 uprising, for their alleged ties to the outlawed Muslim Brotherhood group, authorities said.

The arrests mark the latest in a years-long crackdown by President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's government on Islamists, critics and dissent in general.

Last week, Egypt's former President Mohammed Morsi who hailed from the collapsed Brotherhood, and died in a Cairo courtroom during one of his trials. His death sparked criticism of el-Sissi's government with rights activists accusing it of mistreating Morsi in jail



People chant slogans for ousted former Egyptian President Mohammed Morsi in Tunis, Tunisia.

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and failing to provide adeauate medication, allegations denied by authorities. Morsi, Egypt's first freely elected president, had been imprisoned since his ouster by the military in 2013, after only one year

protests against his divisive rule.

Tuesday's statement from the Interior Ministry, which oversees the police, said the arrest of Zyad el-Elaimy, the former lawmaker, was part of a raid that targeted in power and amid mass at least 19 businesses and economic entities linked to the Brotherhood, which Egypt designated a terrorist group in 2013.

According to rights lawyer Gamal Eid, police arrested el-Elaimy on Tuesday morning in Cairo's Maadi district. A vocal critic of el-Sissi's government, el-Elaimy is a leading member of the secular Egyptian Social Democratic Party. He was a parliament member after the 2011 uprising that toppled autocrat President Hosni Mubarak.

Economist Omar el-Shenety and journalists Hossam Monis and Hisham Fouad were also arrested, the ministry said.

Monis was the presidential campaign manager for opposition leader Hamdeen Sabahi, the only candidate who ran against elSissi in the 2014 presidential election.

Abdel-Aziz el-Husseini, a senior leader in the Karama, or Dignity party, said el-Elaimy and Monis took part in meetings with political parties and opposition lawmakers to discuss possibilities to run in the 2020 parliamentary elections. Their latest meeting was late Monday in Cairo, he added.

The meetings included the Civil Democratic Movement, a coalition of liberal and left-leaning parties, which called for their release.

Amnesty International condemned the arrests, as part of "the Egyptian authorities' systematic persecution and brutal crackdown on anyone who dares to criticize them."

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Singapore probes drones at airport that disrupted 63 flights

By ANNABELLE LIANG **Associated Press**

SINGAPORE (AP) — Drones buzzing around Singapore's Changi Airport have caused 63 flights to be delayed or diverted in the past week, triggering an investigation and raising questions about the motives of the offenders.

The Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore said Tuesday that 18 flights at the airport were delayed and seven were diverted the night before "due to bad weather and unauthorized drone activities."

It had earlier confirmed drones were seen flying near the airport last Tuesday and Wednesday. That caused the intermittent closure of a runway, delaying 37 flights and diverting one arriving plane to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

"A multiagency team including the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore, Changi Airport Group, Singapore Armed Forces and the Singapore Police Force was activated for the search and locate opera-



In this Oct. 8, 2008, file photo, passengers walk through the departure hall at the Changi International Airport in Singapore.

tions," the regulator added. It declined to comment Tuesday on the number of drones involved or their likely operators, citing the ongoing investigation.

Shortly after news broke of the drone activity at the airport, Singapore's defense ministry posted a photograph of a soldier pointing

a jammer gun at a "rouge drone" on Facebook.

While the photo wasn't taken at Changi, it hinted at the anti-drone technologies that may be used to track down offenders.

Drones are largely controlled by operators via a radio control link, on a frequency that's similar to Wi-

Associated Press Fi. A jammer gun temporarily disables this connection. "In absence of a control link, most drones are de-

signed to switch into 'failsafe' mode, and may either attempt to return to its original location or immediately land," said Foong Shaohui, an associate professor who

researches unmanned sys-

tems at the Singapore University of Technology and Design.

"It would be possible to identify the operators by analyzing the information stored in the drone" such as pictures and flight data, he added.

Some observers said the incursions, which happened on two occasions and less than a week from each other, could signal the involvement of more sophisticated groups.

Mark Yong, chief executive of Garuda Robotics, took vast media coverage on the dangers of flying drones around the airport into account.

Unauthorized drone activity is dangerous around airports because of the risk of collision with planes that are taking off and landing. Drones cannot be flown within 5 kilometers (3.1 miles) of airports or military bases in Singapore without a permit.

The offense carries a penalty of up to a year in jail and a fine of 20,000 Singapore dollars.

Indonesia military: Use of child soldiers a rights violation

By STEPHEN WRIGHT **Associated Press**

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) An Indonesian military spokesman said Tuesday that any use of child soldiers by Papuan independence fighters would be a violation of human rights that implicates both the rebels and state institutions. The Associated Press reported last week that the long-simmering armed conflict between Indonesia's military and the West Papua Liberation Army in-



In this photo taken in May 2019, and released by the West Papua Liberation Army-Free Papua Organization, men and boys from the West Papua Liberation Army pose with weapons in the Nduga region of the central highlands, Papua province,

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early 1960s. More recently, Amnesty International said in a report last year that Indonesia's police and military are responsible for at least 96 unlawful killings near total absence of justice for the mainly indigenous victims. Aidi also said if the state is failing to enforce the law against serious violations within its territory "it means that state institutions have committed human rights violations."

Nearly 170 countries including Indonesia have ratified a U.N. treaty that obliges governments to stop military recruitment of anyone under 18 and to work in the Papua region since toward ending the military 2010 and condemned a exploitation of children by state and non-state armed groups. Aidi said last week that anyone under 18 who attacked Indonesian security forces with arms would not be spared.

> "The threat is the same as adults who can kill us with their guns," he told AP.



What's an advanced Russian warship doing in Havana harbor?

By MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN **ANDREA RODRIGUEZ VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV Associated Press**

HAVANA (AP) - One of the Russian navy's most advanced warships entered Havana's harbor Monday and docked at the port used until this month by U.S. cruise lines. Here are some auestions and answers about the Admiral Gorshkov's travels through the Caribbean.

WHAT IS THE ADMIRAL GOR-SHKOV?

The Admiral Gorshkov entered service last year. It is one of the Russian navy's most advanced warships and is armed with cruise missiles, air defense systems and other weapons. The frigate is based at the Arctic port of Severomorsk and is part of Russia's Northern Fleet. It's the first ship in a new class of frigates intended to replace aging Sovietera destroyers to project power far away from Russian shores. It is accompanied by the multifunctional logistics vessel Elbrus, the medium sea tanker Kama and the rescue tug Nikolai Chiker, the Russian navy says.

WHAT IS THE SHIP DOING IN THE CARIBBEAN?

The navy says the Admiral Gorshkov crossed through the Panama Canal into the Caribbean Sea on or around June 18. The naval group has covered a distance of over 28,000 nautical miles since leaving Severomorsk in February, with stops in China, Diibouti, Sri Lanka and Colombia, the navy says. It says



Russian Navy Admiral Gorshkov frigate arrives at the port of Havana, Cuba, Monday, June 24,

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the ships are scheduled to Russian ships have become make calls at several Caribbean ports, without specifying which. The naval group was greeted with a 21-gun salute from Cuban forces stationed at the entrance to the Bay of Havana. The Gorshkov responded with its own salute. Russia has not provided details about the purpose of its trip, but the Kremlin has moved to bolster Russia's military capability amid tensions with the West following the annexation of Crimea in 2014. The Russian armed forces have received hundreds of new warplanes and dozens of warships in recent years as part of a sweeping

WHAT MESSAGE IS RUSSIA SENDING WITH THE ADMI-**RAL GORSHKOV?**

military modernization pro-

gram that allowed Moscow

to project power abroad.

an occasional presence in Havana over the last decade. In 2008, after a visit by then Russian President Dmitry Medvedev, a group of Russian ships entered Cuban waters in what Cuban media described as the first such visit since 1991. Another group visited the southern city Cienfuegos in 2010, reportedly with a cargo of wheat. Others visited in 2013 and in 2014.

In January 2015, the reconnaissance and communications ship Viktor Leonov arrived unannounced in Havana a day before the start of discussions between U.S. and Cuban officials on the reopening of diplomatic relations. The Viktor Leonov returned again in March 2018.

All of the Russian naval missions to Cuba have been seen as a projection of military power close to U.S. shores, although neither Cuba nor Russian have described them as anything other than routine.

Early during his presidency, Russian leader Vladimir Putin ordered the military to shut a Soviet-era electronic surveillance outpost in Cuba and a naval base in Vietnam as he sought to warm ties with the United States. Amid tensions with the U.S., Russian military officials talked about the possibility of reinstating a presence on Cuba and in Vietnam. Russian warships and aircraft have periodically made forays into the Caribbean. In a show of power, a pair of Russian nuclear-capable strategic bombers visited Venezuela in December in what the Russian military described as a training mission. The deployment came before the latest crisis in Venezuela. Russia also sent Tu-160s and a missile cruiser to visit Venezuela in 2008 amid tensions with the U.S. after Russia's brief war with Georgia. A pair of Tu-160s also visited Venezuela in 2013.

WHAT DOES THE RUSSIAN **PRESENCE MEAN** CUBA?

Russians were once the most important group of foreigners in Cuba, with many thousands of Soviet workers and advisers collaborating on projects in fields ranging from agricultural production to military defense. That ended with the fall of the Soviet Union, which saw the end of the Soviet and Russian presence and the start of a grueling depression in Cuba known as the "Special Period." That period ended with the start of Venezuelan aid around 2000.

Cuba also somewhat diversified its economy by attracting Latin American, European and Asian investment, and tourism primarily from Canada, Europe and the U.S. U.S. tourism surged in 2015 and 2016 as the Obama administration loosed restrictions on travel to Cuba as part of the opening with the communist government. That opening included allowing cruise ships. But the Trump administration has been trying to cut off income to Cuba and reduce the number of travelers to the island. The latest blow was ending cruise ship travel to the island, a measure that went into effect this month.



A migrant walks on a freight train on his way north, in Salto del Agua, Chiapas state, Mexico, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

Mexico says immigration efforts focused on southern border

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dent Andrés Manuel López Obrador says Mexico's tightening of immigration controls has focused "more than anything" on regulating entries at its southern border. "We have to avoid a confrontation with the government of the United

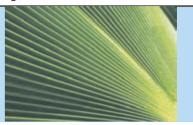
States," López Obrador soldiers preventing women deployed 6,500 National Guard members in the southern part of the country, plus another 15,000 soldiers along its northern border in a bid to reduce the number of migrants traveling through its territory to reach the U.S. Images of

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Presisadid Tuesday. Mexico has and children from crossina the Rio Grande to El Paso, Texas over the weekend stirred outrage in Mexico. López Obrador said no order had been issued for soldiers to detain migrants attempting to enter the U.S. and promised an investigation.

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Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort named First-Ever Hall of Fame Inductee at CHTA Chief Awards

EAGLE BEACH, Aruba – June 25, 2019 – The Caribbean Hotel & Tourism Association (CHTA) introduced its Hall of Fame with the induction of Bucuti & Tara Beach Resort as its first honoree. At the CHTA Caribbean Hospitality Industry Exchange Forum (CHIEF), held June 21-23, 2019 in Miami, FL, owner/CEO of Bucuti & Tara received the Hall of Fame Award for Best Practice for Environmental Sustainability.

CHTA is committed to advancing the quality, sustainability and profitability of the tourism industry in the region. The CHIEF Awards annually recognize successful practices that CHTA member hotels and tourismrelated enterprises have adopted in any of the following four categories: Business Operations, Environmental Sustainability, Sales and Marketing, and Social Responsibility.

"You can learn a lot from Bucuti," noted Bevan Springer, president of Marketplace Excellence, as he emceed the evening's award ceremony. In announcing Bucuti & Tara's Hall of Fame Award, Springer noted, the resort has done "outstanding work with their success earning all kinds of awards for hotel performance and environmental standards."

In 2017, Bucuti & Tara won the CHIEF Award for Environmental Sustainability. At the time, the resort was well on its way to becoming carbon

neutral. In August 2018, Bucuti & Tara became the first Caribbean hotel to achieve and be certified for carbon neutrality. Led by owner/CEO Ewald Biemans, a well-recognized eco-pioneer in the region, the resort was recognized for its 30+ years of sustainability best practices.

In its mission to encourage other hospitality businesses to become sustainable, Bucuti & Tara hopes that its continued recognition will inspire others to ask them for help. Biemans is often invited locally and worldwide to be a panelist or guest speaker about sustainability. The resort's Green Team routinely hosts school students and dignitaries from other countries to teach them about best practices and how to implement them successfully.

Five members from Bucuti & Tara attended the educational, informative conference and the award ceremony. Biemans is known throughout CHTA for not only being a source of sustainability and hospitality knowledge, but also for having never missed a CHTA CHIEF or Marketplace event. He believes these CHTA forums are highly educational for himself and staff, and an ideal setting for exchanging ideas to help one another in the Caribbean region.

To learn more, visit Bucuti.com.

Fruit Loose

Fresh fruits make a tropical holiday's picture complete. Whether you see the mango's hanging in the trees or the fresh fruit cocktail on the side table of your pool bed, the link is there: you are in the tropics. Aruba grows her own fruits and veggies and there are some pretty out-of-space local species you may never had heard of, but really healthy and delicious.

Kenepa

bunches on trees up to 30m high. The fruit is related to the lychee and have tight, thin but rigid skins. Inside the skin is the tart, tangy, or sweet pulp of the fruit covering a large seed. The pulp is usually cream or orange colored. Kenepa strengthens the immune system, and prevents the reproduction of bacteria and viruses in the body.

This fruit is highly recommended to treat lung infections and urinary tract infections. It also helps to cure insomnia and rejuvenates the nervous system. Season: the fruit typically ripen during the summer.

Druif

There is no chance you did not bump into one of the sea grape trees while spending your vacation on Aruba. The sea grape plant is often used in ocean-side land-Ovoid green fruit that grows in scaping in sandy soil right on the beach and it produces clusters of fruit that resemble grapes. Are sea grapes edible? Yes, they are. Animals enjoy sea grapes and humans can eat them as well, and they are used to make jam. They contain very low calories and sugar, enabling good bacterium to digest food and excrete waste quickly which is effective in preventing



Shimaruku

Maybe Aruba's most popular wild fruit tree. You may have noticed cars at the side of the road and people picking those red berries. Well, that's Shimaruku. The local habit to stop for these delicious fruits goes from generation to generation. Its fruit's degree of sour depends on the amount of rain it gets. Red Shimarukus tend to taste better than orange. The fruit has super power: a true vitamin bomb. Adults only need to eat 3-4 of these berries to meet their daily recommended amount of Vitamin C. Season: Rainy months (Oct-Jan).

Tamarind

A delicious, sweet fruit that has a wide variety of uses and applications, both for medicinal and culinary purposes. It is a medium-sized bushy tree with evergreen leaves and fruit that develops in pods

shells. Inside is a sticky, fleshy, juicy pulp, which is the Tamarind fruit. Both sweet and sour in taste, the fruit contains a significant level of vitamin C, as well as vitamin E, B vitamins, calcium, iron, phosphorous, potassium, manganese, and dietary fiber. There are also a number of organic compounds that make tamarind a powerful antioxidant and anti-inflammatory agent. Season: March.





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The Aruba Tourism Authority honor loyal visitors on the island

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The Distinguished visitor certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 10 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were **Patrick and Lynne Costa** from New York, U.S.A!

This lovely couple stated that they love the island very much, especially for its year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, delicious variety of foods, safety, and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

Ms. Richardson together with the representatives of the Bucuti and Tara Beach Resort presented the certificate to the honorees, and also handed over some presents and thanked them for choosing Aruba as their favorite vacation destination and as their home away from home.





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"My goal was to do real estate in a different way when I established this company June 1st 2009. Not from the perspective of only selling, but to look for the perfect match between dream house and client. My philosophy is: it will only work when all involved are happy and connected by that personal touch," says Randolph Arends, owner of Aruba Living Today. Together with his business partner Berend Prenger and a dedicated team they practice what they preach: mediation in Real Estate with a high service level. "I am proud to state that so far all of my clients stayed with us. I am not selling a fairytale, in ten years of course there were challenges too but it is about how you handle those. It's like with family, you stick together with ups and downs. But the love is there."

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Aruba Living Today is located in an authentic Aruban house, welcoming you in a warm ambiance that emphasizes the philosophy of connecting. There are candles, Buddha ornaments, magazines, and a homey ambience for you to sit and talk about your dream house or investment. "We are a one stop shopping point. We are not only selling a house, we take all out of your hands. It is a totally different approach that is not pushy, but showing you we do care that you feel at home here on our island. We know the island and its ups and downs. We guide you through the full process in order for you to make a proper decision," says Berend.





What Do We Do

Services offered by Aruba Living Today are House and Land Sales, Rentals, Investments, Property Management, Vacation Rental, Mortgages, Insurances, Maintenance, Assist in Arrangements for Notary and Utilities, Guiding Bureaucracy Process and Assisting in Import of Furniture. Berend is also a certified appraiser within the Dutch Kingdom meaning he does your appraisal report that is accepted by all banks and he delivers within three days. "Exceptional for Aruba. This definitely speeds up the process of buying," he says. This different approach of real estate is what sets Aruba Living Today apart and is also the reason why Randolph calls himself a property mediator instead of a real estate broker. "The

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Today's Happening







A weekly calendar with a selection of what's going on in Aruba

Wednesday 26 Island Fest- Aruba Meets in San Nicolas

- Experience the local way of life in San Nicolas. Enjoy some live music, arts & crafts, authentic food & beverages and a spectacular historical show.
- From 7:00PM-10:00PM
- Mainstreet, San Nicolas.
- Facebook: Island Fest



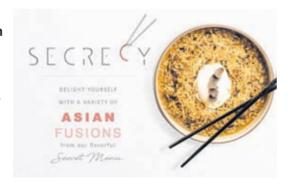


Thursday 27 Breathtaking Breakfast

- Enjoy a full array of breakfast items and settle into a booth with your loved ones while enjoying the dramatic views of the open kitchen or take in the ocean breeze on the terrace and experience the legendary Ritz-Carlton service. Special offer for residents!
- 6:30AM NOON
- Solanio Restaurant
- Facebook: The Ritz-Carlton, Aruba

Friday 28 Secrecy at The Lobby- Asian Fusions

 Secrecy at The Lobby is not only about sushi, it is about the exiting experience of Asian flavors and fusions. During this event, you will be delighted with a variety of Asian flavored fusions



from a secret menu especially prepared to entice your culinary senses. Dishes include the high-end Nikkei Rice with black truffles and the delicious Crispy Fish Bao Bun.

Specialty cocktails will also be available!

- From 7:00PM-10:00PM
- Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino
- Facebook: Aruba Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino



Saturday 29

Make your own jewelry- workshop

- Cosecha San Nicolas would like to invite you to a special workshop in which you will learn how to make your own jewelry. Presented by Local Artist Kala.
- 10:00AM 1:00PM
- Cosecha San Nicolas
- Facebook: Aruba Cosecha



Sunday 30

33rd Aruba International Triathlon

- Come and swim in one of world's best beaches and enjoy the awesome view of the beach while riding your bike and running your run. We will have lots of cash prices for the overall winners.
 For all finishers we have a Finisher medal so you can be reminded of your awesome race in paradise.
- 6:30AM 10:30AM
- Eagle Beach
- Facebook: Aruba Triathlon Association



Monday 1

Carnival Night at Eagle Aruba

- Dance the night away with live steel pan music and a spectacular carnival show. Experience some delicious local dishes and take home hand crafted artifacts.
- From 6:00 PM-8:00 PM
- Eagle Aruba Resort Courtyard
- Facebook Eagle Aruba Resort & Casin



Tuesday 2

Bon Bini festival

- Experience Aruba's culture and go back in time to the Old Aruba at this folkloric event.
- From 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
- Historical Museum of Aruba: Fort Zoutman
- Facebook: Bon Bini Festival Aruba

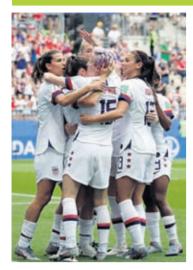


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United States' Megan Rapinoe, front, celebrates with teammates after scoring the opening goal from a penalty spot during the Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer match between Spain and US at the Stade Auguste-Delaune in Reims, France, Monday, June 24, 2019.

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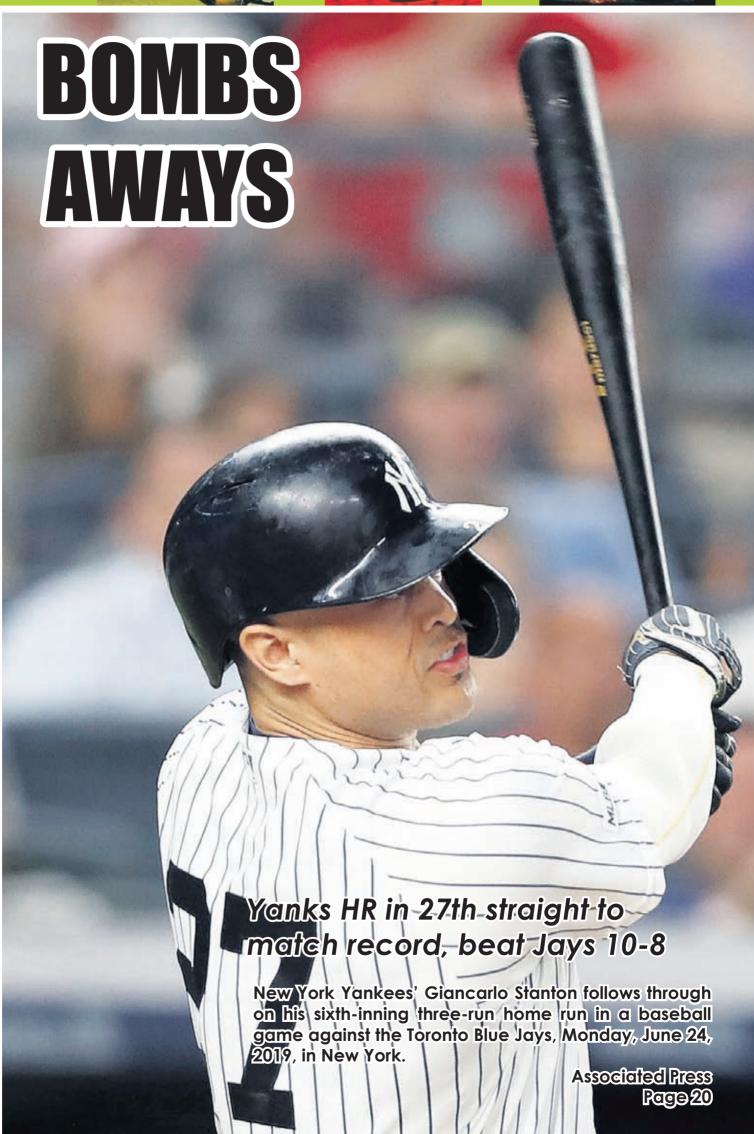
It's on: The World Cup clash between the U.S. and France

By ANNE M. PETERSON AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — It wasn't just the fans who were looking forward to a quarterfinal clash between France and the defending champion United States at the Women's World Cup. Megan Rapinoe clearly was, too. "I hope it's huge and cra-

"I hope it's huge and crazy. That's what it should be," Rapinoe said just after the match was set. "This is the best game, this is what everybody wanted. I think we wanted it, seems like they're up for it, you guys are of course are up for it, and all the fans."

While the players said the focus for the United States was always on one game at a time, Rapinoe voiced the underlying truth about the match in Paris on Friday:





Raptors president 'confident' Leonard will return to champs

By IAN HARRISON **Associated Press**

TORONTO (AP) — Still absorbing the magnitude of his team's accomplishment, Raptors President Masai Ujiri is confident Kawhi Leonard and the rest of Toronto's core will reunite next season in a bid for another title.

"We're on to the next issue, which for us is coming back and being champions again," Ujiri said Tuesday in his first news conference since Toronto won its first title nearly two weeks ago. "We want to experience this moment here again and again and again."

Retaining Leonard is the most pressing issue. The two-time finals MVP is expected to opt out of the final year of his contract and become a free agent. Toronto can offer a five-year deal worth about \$190 million — one year and some \$50 million more than any other team.

"I know what we've built here," Ujiri said. "I'm confident, and you see how these things go."

Ujiri stressed the main selling points of his pitch to Leonard: health, trust, success.

"I said we have to be ourselves, and we were ourselves for the whole year," Ujiri said. "I think he saw that. I think we built a trust there.

"I believe winning a championship, him seeing who we are, working with his medical staff combined with our medical staff and getting him to where he wanted to be," Ujiri added. Injured for all but nine games in his final season with San Antonio, Leonard played 60 games this season and another 24 in the playoffs. After averaging career bests of 26.6 points and 7.3 rebounds in the regular season, Leonard raised his averages to 30.5 and 9.1 in the playoffs.

Ujiri says he and Leonard have had multiple talks the past several days, discussions he called "positive." The Raptors will stay in touch and meet formally once free agency begins Sunday. After that, Ujiri is



Toronto Raptors NBA basketball team president Masai Ujiri speaks to the media during an end-of-season press conference in Toronto, Tuesday, June 25, 2019. At left is the Larry O'Brien Trophy.

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long Leonard takes to de-

"I texted Kawhi last night, of wherever it goes, and

not worried about how I talked to his uncle this morning," Ujiri said. "For us, there's that trust regardless

there'll be constant communication."

Center Marc Gasol also has a player option for next season, and guard Danny Green is a free agent.

"I think they know what the effect of Kawhi's decision is, but we're really approaching it like we want to bring everybody back on this team," Ujiri said. "That's a priority for us."

Less urgent is a potential extension for forward Pascal Siakam, a runaway winner of the NBA's Most Improved Player award. The parties plan to meet during the summer league.

"Pascal has gotten to a place where he's definitely a priority for us and it's definitely going to be a conversation that we'll have," Ujiri

said. Ujiri said little about his confrontation with a deputy following the Game 6 clincher.

The deputy's lawyer, David Mastagni, says his client is on medical leave with a concussion and jaw injury and is considering a law-

Ujiri says his lawyers are updating him about the investiaation.

Asked to address reports linking him to NBA job offers, Ujiri stresses that his family loves Toronto.

"My kids are Canadians," he said.

"For me, the blessing is being wanted here and finding a place that makes you happy and finding challenges that really make you grow as a person."





Yanks homer in record-tying 27th straight game, beat Toronto



Toronto Blue Jays catcher Luke Maile, left, watches from behind the plate as New York Yankees' Aaron Hicks reacts after hitting a three-run home run during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, June 24, 2019, in New York.

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Aaron Hicks and Giancarlo Stanton stretched the Yankees' home run streak to a record-tying 27 games, and New York beat the Toronto Blue Jays 10-8 Monday night.

Hicks and Stanton each hit three-run drives, and New York matched the mark set by Alex Rodriguez and the 2002 Texas Rangers.

CC Sabathia (5-4) pitched six innings of two-run ball. He threw 104 pitches and struck out a season-high nine.

Stanton hit his shot during

a seven-run sixth inning for his first homer in a season spoiled by various injuries. Blue Jays starter Aaron Sanchez (3-10) allowed seven runs in 5 1/3 innings. Toronto had won three of four.

Freddy Galvis hit a grand slam and Lourdes Gurriel Jr. hit his 10th homer for Toronto.

Yankees **Aroldis** closer earned run during the ninth layed 2 hours, 23 minutes but got his 22nd save.

RED SOX 6, WHITE SOX 5 BOSTON (AP) — Marco Hernández beat out an infield single with the bases loaded in the ninth and Boston rallied to beat Chi-

cago. It was the second straight walk-off victory at home for Boston, which has won nine of 12.

Brandon Workman (7-1) got one out in the eighth, to pick up the victory. Jace Fry (1-3) took the loss for Chicago, which has lost six out of eight.

Boston starter Eduardo Rodriguez gave up five runs off six hits, including two home runs over 6 1/3 innings.

Chicago's Lucas Giolito allowed three runs off six hits, struck out seven and walked four over 5 2/3 innings.

Yoán Moncada had a tworun home run and José Abreu added a two-out, solo home run for the White Sox.

INDIANS 3, ROYALS 2, 10 IN-**NINGS**

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jason Kipnis homered leading off the 10th inning as Cleveland continued its impressive June with a win over the Chapman allowed an un- Kansas City in a game deby rain.

> Kipnis connected on a 1-0 pitch from Wilv Peralta (2-4) for his sixth homer.

The Indians have won 14 of 19 and improved to an ALbest 15-6 this month.

Brad Hand (4-2) worked a perfect 10th as Indians manager Terry Francona was forced to use six pitchers because of the weather. Whit Merrifield homered for the Royals, who sit at the bottom of the AL Central. Indians starter Adam Plutko didn't give up a hit until the fourth, when Merrifield led off with his 11th homer.

CUBS 8, BRAVES 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Willson Contreras homered and had three RBIs, Jon Lester pitched five-hit ball through six innings and Chicago beat Atlanta in a chippy matchup of NL division leaders.

Jason Heyward added a solo homer for Chicago, which moved one game ahead of Milwaukee in the NL Central. Lester (7-5) allowed two unearned runs and struck out seven.

The Cubs strung together five straight hits in a fiverun fifth inning to break game open. Kyle González. Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, Javier Báez and Contreras followed with RBIs.

Tempers flared in the second when Contreras homered. He turned to Braves

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catcher Tyler Flowers after the ball left his bat, and while rounding first base, gestured toward Atlanta's dugout and thumped his chest. The benches cleared, but no blows were exchanged.

Teheran (5-6) was roughed up for the second straight start.

PHILLIES 13, METS 7

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Maikel Franco hit a go-ahead two-run homer, Rhys Hoskins, Jean Segura and Jay Bruce also went deep and Philadelphia snapped a seven-game losing streak. Zach Eflin (7-7) struggled through five innings, allowing six runs and 11 hits. The Phillies had lost 16 of 22 since May 29.

Todd Frazier, Wilson Ramos, Michael Conforto and Dominic Smith hit solo homers for the Mets.

Steven Matz (5-6) got roughed up. The lefty gave up seven runs and 10 hits in 4 1/3 innings.

Schwarber doubled into Philadelphia went ahead opportunities. center. Bruce's second career pinch-hit homer was a two-run shot. Bryce Harper, back in the No. 3 spot in the lineup after leading off for a few games, had a pair

of RBI doubles. Franco was 3 for 4 with three RBIs. The Phillies had a season-high 19 hits.

DIAMONDBACKS 8, DODG-ERS 5

PHOENIX (AP) — David Peralta hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the eighth inning, and Arizona rallied for the win over NL West-leading Los Angeles.

Former Dodger Tim Locastro put the game out of reach with a two-run double off losing pitcher Dylan Floro (2-2), part of a four-run outburst in the eighth for the Diamondbacks. Christian Walker and starting pitcher Zack Greinke homered, Ketel Marte had two hits for his seventh consecutive multi-hit game and the Diamondbacks ended the Dodgers' winning streak at six games.

Yoan Lopez (1-1) worked a scoreless inning and earned the win.

Max Muncy drove in three runs for the Dodgers.

Greg Holland got one out in the ninth for his 200th career save.

ROCKIES 2, GIANTS 0 SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

David Dahl hit a two-run homer in the third that held up for Jon Gray, and Colorado snapped a threegame skid by beating San Francisco.

Gray (8-5) struck out six in six innings, allowing four hits and walking two for Colorado. The Rockies were coming off three straight walkoff defeats to the Dodgers in Los Angeles.

Giants starter Drew Pomeranz (2-8) matched his career high with 11 strikeouts over five innings but left trailing 2-0.

The 11 Ks were the most by a Giants pitcher throwing five or fewer innings since the mound distance was established in 1893, according to Elias.

Wade Davis finished the sixhitter for his 10th save in 12

the ivy to score Carlos on Franco's 10th homer in The Giants, who had won the fifth, a two-run shot to six straight series openers, lost for the fifth time in seven games. Colorado won for just the second time in five games at San Francisco, which was shut out for the ninth time.



Rays owner says shared season with Montreal is best option

By MARK DIDTLER **Associated Press** ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) —

The principal owner of the Rays says it's unrealistic for his team to play full time in the Tampa Bay area, and a shared season with Montreal is the best option.

"I don't see it happening in St. Petersburg and would be hard-pressed to see it working in Tampa from what I know," Stu Sternberg said at a news conference Tuesday. "This is not a staged exit. This is about Tampa Bay keeping its hometown team and Montreal having one, too. I believe strongly in the sistercity concept. We're asking for open minds."

Commissioner Rob Manfred said last week the Rays have "broad permission to explore what's available." Tampa Bay is averaging 14,546 fans a game, lowest in the American League and well below the MLB average of 27,360. Only the Miami Marlins draw worse at 9,378.

"We are at or near the bottom in every economic category in Major League Baseball," Sternberg said in his remarks at the Dali Mu-



Tampa Bay Rays Principal Owner Stuart Sternberg greets people before a press conference at the Dali Museum in St. Petersburg, Fla., Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

seum in St. Petersburg.

An agreement between the Rays and St. Petersburg for Tropicana Field runs through 2027. St. Petersburg's mayor has shot down the two-city possibility. "The City of St. Petersburg will not participate in the funding of a new stadium for a part-time team,"

Mayor Rick Kriseman said. "We remain receptive to partnering with the Tampa Bay Rays to redevelop the Tropicana Field site and build a new stadium for a full-time team."

Sternberg envisions openair stadiums in both cities but noted there are no plans to pay for them. He said an ideal target date would have everything in place for the 2024 season. The Rays have played at Tropicana Field since their inception in 1998 and drew their lowest home crowd of 5,786 against Toronto last month. Montreal has

been without a big-league

team since the Expos left

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after the 2004 season for Washington and became the Nationals. The Rays had looked into building a stadium for years, but in December abandoned a plan for one across the bay in Tampa's Ybor City area. Private equity mogul Stephen Bronfman, whose father Charles was the original owner of the Expos, is part of a group spearheading effort to return baseball to Montreal.

Sternberg said it's possible the Bronfman group could join the current Rays' ownership if the sister-city plans succeeds, but he will keep controlling interest.

Sternberg reiterated that the Rays will remain in St. Petersburg through 2027 but doesn't know what would happen after that if the plan fails.

A possible site for a new St. Petersburg ballpark would be Al Lana Stadium, a longtime spring training facility now used by a pro soccer team owned by the Rays. Also under consideration: shifting the spring training season from Port Charlotte, Florida, to Tampa Bay to provide two more months

of baseball in the area.

Breakdancing takes step closer to Olympic debut in Paris

By GRAHAM DUNBAR **AP Sports Writer**

LAUSANNE, **Switzerland** Breakdancing moved a step closer to the 2024 Olympics on Tuesday, and now organizers can look to book a street venue in Paris.

Called breaking in Olympic circles, its medal debut was last October at the **Buenos Aires Youth Summer** Games.

The street dance competitions will have 16 athletes in each of the men's and women's medal events in Paris.

IOC members formally en- though the other three — president. dorsed requests from Paris officials in February and their own executive board in March to provisionally add breakdancing to the program, pending a final decision in December 2020. Paris wants to add four sports to its program,



International Olympic Committee, IOC, President Thomas Bach from Germany speaks during the 134th Session of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), at the SwissTech Convention Centre, in Lausanne, Switzerland, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

skateboarding, sport climbing, and surfing — will make Summer Games debuts in Tokyo next year.

"It's important for us in our concept to put sports out of the stadiums and in the heart of the city," said Tony Estanguet, the Paris 2024

Estanguet said the search for a venue will only start Wednesday now his fellow International Olympic Committee members have added their approval.

Breaking will likely also be attractive to 2028 Los Angeles Olympics organizers.

Associated Press The sports program for L.A.

should be agreed in 2021, IOC sports director Kit Mc-Connell said.

Surfing will spread the Paris Olympics out of the capital, potentially in the southwest French city of Biarritz, with sailing races already set for Marseille.

"Paris 2024 will choose a venue offering natural waves, as France boasts a number of well-known surfing spots on its Atlantic coast and in its overseas territories," the organizing committee said in a state-

French Polynesia, the Caribbean and Indian Ocean could all be proposed, International Surfing Association President Fernando Aguerre noted.

"There's a lot of options. A lot of them seem to be very, very positive," Aguerre said, adding a decision was expected later this year.

All four sports must still prove themselves to Olympic observers, and could yet be removed from the Paris program ahead of final approval by the IOC board.

It is too late to add a replacement should any fall short, Estanguet said.



Dutch cap Europe's World Cup dominance by ousting Japan

By ROB HARRIS
AP Global Soccer Writer
RENNES, France (AP)

Tears were still flowing from Saki Kumagai's eyes more than 30 minutes later.

With victorious Dutch rivals passing her on the way out of the stadium, Japan's captain seemed to find solace in speaking about the penalty long after it cost her team a place in the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup.

With Tuesday night's game entering the 90th minute locked at 1-1, Kumagai's outstretched left arm blocked the shot Vivianne Miedema had aimed into the right side of the net.

"It had my hand for sure," Kumagai said. "It's difficult to accept but it's also sad. I know that is football."

Referee Melissa Borjas pointed to the penalty spot and Lieke Martens netted her second goal of the game in the 90th minute to seal a 2-1 victory that sent the Netherlands into the quarterfinals for the first time

"We have made history," Martens said. "I'm not usually taking the penalties but I felt really good this game. I asked Sherida Spitse if I could take it and she gave it directly to me and I felt quite relaxed about it."



Netherlands' Lieke Martens, center, celebrates after scoring her side's second goal from the penalty spot during the Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer match between the Netherlands and Japan at the Roazhon Park, in Rennes, France, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

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The reigning European ing, 'Let's continue writing champions will need to maintain that composure as they prepare for a meeting with Italy on Saturday after going one stage further than their Women's World Cup debut four years ing, 'Let's continue writing history.'" It is journey's end for Japan, which won the 2011 tournament and was the runner-up four years later. The strength of the second-half display counted to the second-half d

As befitting a meeting of the Asian and European champions, the game produced some of the slickest action of the World Cup. A backheel flick set up Martens to send the Dutch in front in the 17th minute and Yui Hasegawa equalized in the 43rd to complete a slick passing move.

But the post, crossbar and goalkeeper Sari van Veenendaal thwarted Japan's pursuit of a winning goal.

"I think we lacked the clinical edge," Japan coach Asako Takakura said. "We have to accept the result, we're defeated, we're very disappointed and for all

the players I feel very sorry for them and frustrated."

With the last Asian team eliminated, the Women's World Cup will have a record seven European teams in the quarterfinals. Norway and England meet in Le Havre on Thursday and France takes on the United States the following night. After the Netherlands plays Italy on Saturday, Germany and Sweden will meet.

"It's really tough to be here," Netherlands forward Miedema said. "Sometimes it kind of feels like a Euros." That is a title already won by this team, thanks to Miedema's goals in the final two years ago on home soil. The fans won't have far to travel for the World Cup quarterfinal, with Valenciennes around two hours' drive from the Netherlands. It will be another chance for the orange-clad fans who danced and sang their way in a convoy to the stadium on Tuesday to stamp their mark on this tournament.

They were certainly given a game to savor, and an audacious opening goal.

Martens flicked in the opener after evading her marker to meet a corner and send the ball through the legs of Yuika Sugasawa into the net.

U.S. France

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It was circled on everyone's World Cup calendar since December's draw.

"It's going to be totally awesome. This is what everybody wants. And these are the biggest games that you kind of dream about as a kid," Rapinoe said.

The United States advanced with a physically challenging win over Spain in the round of 16, while France scored in extra time to get past resilient Brazil.

The top-ranked U.S. team breezed through its group stage at the World Cup, pouncing on Thailand 13-0 before more balanced victories over Chile and rival Sweden. But Spain posed a challenge to the three-time

champions, relentlessly targeting Alex Morgan and using brawn to counter the Americans' superior speed. Rapinoe scored on a pair of penalty kicks for the 2-1 victory in Reims on Monday night, although the gamewinner in the 75th minute was the result of what many thought was at best minimal contact between Spain's Virginia Torrecilla and Rose Lavelle. The foul was confirmed after video review.

"We were standing in the

circle after the match and

we were so happy, yelling

at each other," Nether-

lands coach Sarina Wieg-

man said. "We were say-

Lavelle insisted afterward: "I didn't flop."

Players said the difficult match was crucial to the team's preparation going into the quarterfinal against the fourth-ranked French, the first time the U.S. has faced the host in a



France's Amandine Henry, center, celebrates with teammates after scoring her side's 2nd goal during the Women's World Cup round of 16 soccer match between France and Brazil at the Oceane stadium in Le Havre, France, Sunday, June 23, 2019.

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World Cup. The Americans could also face No. 3 England if they go through to the semifinals.

"I think this game was extremely important to us, looking forward to France," Morgan said. "It was a very challenging game and it showed a little bit of what we might see in France, so this was an important stepping stone for us looking forward."

France also got a tough test out of the way.

Les Bleues finished atop their group with three wins before surviving their knockout opener. Captain Amandine Henry redirected Amel Majri's free kick for a tiebreaking goal in the 107th minute of a 2-1 victory Sunday night in Le Havre. Valérie Gauvin, whose firsthalf goal was disallowed in a video review, put France ahead early in the second but Thaisa tied the score 11 minutes later for No. 10 Brazil.

Afterward, French coach Corinne Diacre was critical of her team, saying, "We weren't at our best."

"Obviously, I know my players inside out. I know that we weren't 100 percent today and the objective is to hit that 100 percent for the next game," Diacre said through a translator.



Orpik retires after 15 NHL seasons, 2 Stanley Cup titles

By STEPHEN WHYNO **AP Hockey Writer**

Brooks Orpik called it a career Tuesday after 15 bruising NHL seasons in which he established himself as big-hitting, shutdown defenseman and won the Stanley Cup twice.

The 38-year-old played 1,171 regular-season and playoff games for the Pittsburgh Penguins and Washinaton Capitals. He won the Cup with Pittsburgh in 2009 and Washington in 2018.

"I've been extremely lucky to have the best job in the world for many years, but my body is telling me it is time to move on to something new," Orpik said. "I'm excited for more family time and to experience a lot of the things that being a professional athlete forces you to miss out on."

Orpik was more known for his physicality and defense than his offense. He put up 194 regular-season and 26 playoff points but also scored the Game 2-winning goal for Washington in the 2018 final on the way to the franchise's first title.

"We wouldn't have a Stanley Cup if it wasn't for him," Capitals goaltender Braden Holtby said at the end of this season. "The impact he's had on our team is probably second to none, the way he's changed the culture and pushed guys to make them better. One of the true leaders in our



In this Jan. 18, 2019, file photo, Washington Capitals defenseman Brooks Orpik, center, poses with Dick Patrick, left, team president, and Bill Daly, deputy NHL commissioner, after he was given a silver stick during a ceremony to honor Opik for playing 1,000 NHL hockey games, before the team's matchup against the New York Islanders in Washington.

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respected alternate capthe chance to learn from tain and leader during his him." five seasons in Washington. Orpik implied throughout Teammates nicknamed him "Batya" — Russian for "Dad." "Batya was a great leader in our locker room and was so important for us to win our first Stanley Cup," captain Alex Ovechkin said in a statement Wednesday.

game." Orpik became a

"We will miss his presence

in the room and on the ice.

Not only was he a great

leader and a player, but

he was a better person. I'm

so happy I had a chance

to play with him and for our

this season it could be his last in the NHL. He had surgery in November to repair a torn meniscus in his right

"Trying to maintain that level, efficiency was tough," Orpik said. "So I think there were times of the year, I was frustrated just that I couldn't do what I wanted to do."

Orpik was back to his vintage self in the playoffs, emptying the tank for 18 doesn't go your way after the season you got to take a lot of time off to let things settle down." Orpik came to that deci-

thing that, I think when stuff

sion and will now turn his attention to finishing his communications degree at Boston College. He said he wished he had a better post-playing career plan in place but will see where the degree takes him.

He will be remembered for being the muscle behind two Cup champions — Sidney Crosby's first and Ovechkin's first. He often toed the line on hits and was suspended three games during the 2016 playoffs for a late, high hit that injured Pittsburgh's Olli Maatta.

"He's a little bit of a dinosaur because he hits and there's not a lot of hitting in this game," said Columbus coach John Tortorella, who knows Orpik well from U.S. teams in international play. "A lot of people think he might hit hard. I think he plays the game hard. I think he plays the game the right way." Orpik's ability to play on the edge and defend other players made him beloved in Washington. The Capitals prepared for his departure by trading for big-hitting defenseman Radko Gudas, but teammates know there's no replacing Orpik and what he meant on and off the ice.

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minutes a night during the Capitals' seven-game series against Carolina. After the first-round exit in late April, the San Francisco native conceded he thought he may have played his final NHL game but didn't want to make a rash decision. "You got to be 100% committed to it," Orpik said of potentially playing another season. "If you're not, then it's unfair to your teammates and other people that are trying to help you out. In terms of like wanting to play or being committed to play, I think that's some-

Blues sign coach Craig Berube to 3-year contract extension

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The Blues made official Tuesday what everyone had expected the moment Craig Berube led St. Louis to a remarkable turnaround capped by the first Stanley Cup championship in franchise history.

him to three-year contract. Berube had been the interim coach since taking over for Mike Yeo on Nov. 19, but general manager Doug Armstrong acknowledged during the playoffs an extension was a fore-

was before the Blues beat the Boston Bruins in seven games to hoist the Stanlev Cup. "Craia made an enormous impact on our team when he took over last November," Armstrong said in a statement. "He They stripped the interim restored our identity and a city still smarting from the tag from his title and signed provided our players with a clear sense of direction."

The Blues were in last place at the start of the year, but Berube led them on an 11game win streak in January and February to position them for the playoffs. They wound up going 38gone conclusion. And that 19-6 in the regular season, then beat the Jets, Stars and Sharks in the playoffs to reach the Stanley Cup

In a dramatic, bruising series, the Blues emerged to win the first title in their 52year history, helping to give loss of the St. Louis Rams a reason to celebrate.

An estimated 500,000 fans showed up in a downpour for the championship parade 10 days ago.

"I'm so happy for the city and the fans here. They deserve it," Berube said during the rally. "But more



St. Louis Blues head coach Craig Berube holds the Stanley Cup overhead during the NHL hockey Stanley Cup victory celebration in St. Louis on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

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By: Dr. Carlos Viana

The French words for headache; mal de tête, has always seemed to make the affliction sound much less ominous. Thankfully most headaches are not serious even if very painful. However, head pain, in every country, is the most common human affliction and, even in this age of advances in medical technology there is still far more that we do not know about headaches then that which we do know.

In many eastern medical practices, especially Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) headaches have been treated with a higher success rate then they have in the West. Furthermore, TCM has a much different approach to understanding headaches, health, and the person as a whole.

Western, allopathic medicine classifies headaches by their specific symptoms and measurable biological effects. Individuals are usually classified as having a certain type of headache and treatment is based of this classification. There are eleven main types of headache classifications in western medicine. The first four are the most common and serious types of headaches and include head pain caused from vascular (brain arteries changing shape), muscle contraction (tightness), traction, and inflammation.

The other types of headaches include environmental or behavioral headaches caused by

Headache relief

factors such as caffeine withdrawal, eyestrain, poor posture, and hunger. Trauma headaches are headaches that result from an injury often times, which is minor. Sensitivity headaches are a reaction to an allergy, food, chemical or environmental substance. Finally, sinus headaches, dental headaches, and exertion headaches are self explanatory.

Pharmaceuticals, which have dangerous side affects, are by far the most widely used treatment for headaches in western medicine, but allopathic Doctors do recognize the role played with food in headaches. Western doctors recognize sugar, MSG (Monosodium Glutamate, a flavor enhancer used in many foods), and food allergies as primary prevention factors in treating headaches. However, this is not nearly considered to be as important a factor as it is in Traditional Chinese Medicine.

Unfortunately, much more common treatment of headaches is through the use of pharmaceuticals. These pharmaceuticals are man made chemicals constructed with the intention of correcting a chemical imbalance. Western Medicine usually sees these imbalances as coming from the liver, the endocrine system, and occasionally the nervous system. This treatment also includes the regulation of hormones, mostly in women and is tied to the menstruation cycle. Many women find that they get headaches the day before menstrual flow begins or the day that flow actually begins an effect of estrogen withdrawal.

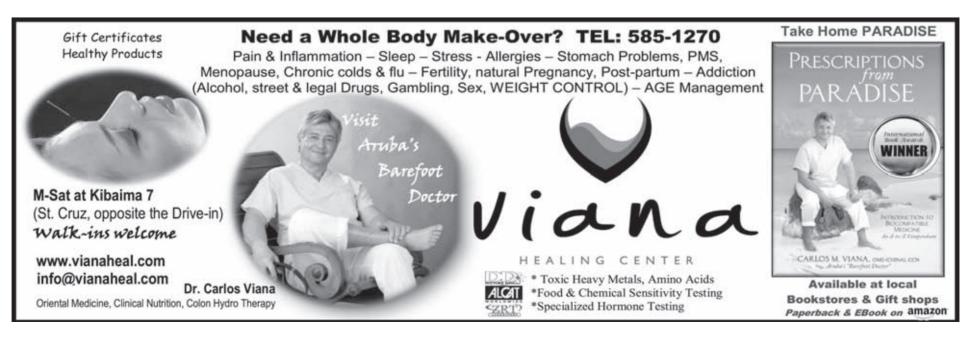
Traditional Chinese medicine sees a headache essentially as a disharmony within the person. Thus our treatment is to rebalance the disharmony, which in turn will help not only the headache but make the individual healthier as a whole. In our clinic we take on an approach that identifies the source of the head pain. We know that everything in existence is related. Slow moving colons produce purification chemicals with an extremely unpleasant smell that stimulates mucus production in the sinuses, chest, and produce headaches. Colon hydro-

therapy or the washing of the large intestines is an easy detoxification procedure that eliminates headaches from this source.

Acupuncture is a useful, inexpensive and effective form of treatment for people who suffer from chronic or migraine headaches. Studies have shown acupuncture to work better than conventional treatments alone and result in fewer headaches and no negative side affects. Also, it has been shown repeatedly that acupuncture decreased the severity and frequency of headaches in those who experienced severe headaches. Acupuncture treatment involves the insertion of extremely fine needles into the skin at precise points in the body. It has been shown to help with migraine nausea and pain. Many of the sources of headache pain we have seen in our clinic include dental problems and the toxic heavy metals that leak from dental amalgams. Headaches and migraines are an often reported complaint of people who have amalgam fillings in their teeth. Dentists knowledgeable in biocompatible dentistry are very effective in improving the condition.

Herbal tradition has used the herbs like dandelion to treat head pain. Dandelion combined with herbs that also detoxify and support the liver are an even better combination. Eating foods right for your metabolic type and including a de-stressing exercise and getting enough sleep are good lifestyle choices.

Get The Point! The longer the headache or migraine is left untreated the harder it is to stop. Most of the pharmaceutical medications used for headaches have dangerous side effects and can cause rebound, which is a serious worsening of your headache. You probably already know that when you develop a migraine what may help is being calm; staying in a dark, quiet room; and sleeping. Rather than wait for your next headache or migraine, consider treatment and prevention with acupuncture, herbal treatments, and a personalized diet that have a five thousand year old tract record. Call to make an appointment.





Stocks move lower as investors wait for trade updates

By DAMIAN J. TROISE Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — U.S. stocks moved lower in midday trading on Wall Street Tuesday as investors headed for more defensive holdings and watched for updates on trade negotiations between the U.S. and China.

Investors are also waiting for a speech by Fed Chairman Jerome Powell Tuesday afternoon for any signal on the direction of interest rates.

Technology and internet stocks led the losses. Microsoft fell 2.2% and Facebook fell 1.4%. FedEx dropped 2.6% and weighed down industrial stocks.

Homebuilders fell sharply after showing early gains. Lennar said on an earnings conference call that tariffs on Chinese goods were adding hundreds of dollars to the cost of its homes. Lennar fell 5.9%.

Banks also declined as bond prices rose and yields fell. Lower bond yields hurt a bank's ability to charge higher interest on loans. Bank of America fell 1.2%.

The higher bond prices are also a sign that investors remain concerned about a slowdown in economic growth and are favoring



In this June 19, 2019, file photo trader Robert Chamak works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange.

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lating their trade war and giving Wall Street jitters over prospects for economic growth.

Wall Street is hoping for the U.S. and China to at least find a path toward an eventual resolution to the trade war.

Meanwhile, the Federal Reserve has been reassuring Wall Street that it is prepared to cut rates to help stabilize the U.S. economy if the trade war crimps growth. Investors have

been dealing with a mixed bag of economic data over the last few months. On Tuesday, The Conference Board reported that consumer confidence dropped to its lowest level since September 2017. Meanwhile, home price gains slowed for the 13th straight month and new home sales fell in May.

REVENUE INJECTION: AbbVie fell 15.6% after the drug developer said it will pay around \$63 billion for Allergan and add the blockbuster Botox to its products.

Allergan surged 27%.

Botox brought in \$868.4 million in revenue for Allergan during the first quarter. AbbVie currently makes the blockbuster immune disorder treatment Humira, but revenue is expected to decline in the coming years as Humira loses patent protection and faces competition.

WRECKING BALL: In another example of investor nervousness over the U.S.-China trade dispute, homebuilder shares tanked after Lennar said tariffs on Chinese goods were adding an average of \$500 to each new home.

Lennar shares gained ground early on a solid profit report but fell sharply after the tariff comment on earnings conference call. Among other homebuilders, PulteGroup fell 3.9% and D.R. Horton fell 4.5%.

A 27% surge from Botox maker Allergan held up health care stocks. The company is being bought by drug developer AbbVie. Consumer product makers were among the stocks making gains in another sign that investors are losing their appetite for risk and heading to safer investments.

seemingly safer holdings.

KEEPING SCORE: The S&P The world's two largest 500 index fell 0.4% as of economies spent much of noon Eastern time. The the current quarter esca-

Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 54 points, or 0.2%, to 26,671. The Nasdaq composite 0.7%.

WHERE WE STAND: Investors are essentially taking a step back after three weeks of gains while they wait for direction. Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping will meet this week at the Group of 20 meeting of major economies in Japan. The world's two largest economies spent much of

Powell says economy facing growing uncertainties

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER **Associated Press** WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said Tuesday the economic outlook has become cloudier since early May, with rising uncertainties over trade and global growth causing the central bank to reassess its next move on interest rates. Speaking to the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, Powell said the Fed is now grappling with the question of whether those uncertainties will continue to weigh on the outlook and require action.

Powell did not commit to a rate cut but said the central bank will closely monitor incoming data and be prepared to "act as appropriate to sustain the expan-



In this May 1, 2019, file photo Federal Reserve Board Chair Jerome Powell speaks at a news conference following a two-day meeting of the Federal Open Market Committee in Washington.

sion."

Many economists believe the Fed could decide at its next meeting on July 30-31 to cut its key policy rate, something it has not done **Associated Press** since 2008.

In his remarks, Powell said that the outlook for the economy had changed since the May meeting.

"The crosscurrents have

remerged, with apparent progress on trade turning to greater uncertainty and with incoming data raising renewed concerns about the strength of the global economy," he said.

In early May, President Donald Trump more than doubled the tariffs on Chinese goods after U.S.-China trade talks broke down. The president threatened to essentially hit all Chinse imports with tariffs if China does not meet its demands for greater protections for U.S. technology.

Trump's moves sent financial markets tumbling because of concerns the trade conflict could end the current 10-year economic expansion, which in July will become the longest in U.S. history.



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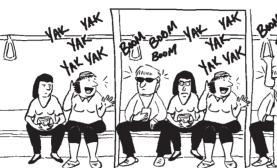
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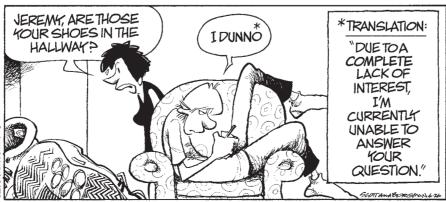
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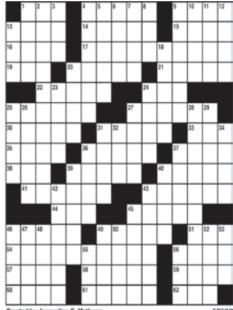
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Woman uses shovel to kill cobra slithering on her patio

Associated Press FAIRLESS HILLS, Pa. (AP) — A

Pennsylvania woman used a shovel to kill a cobra she saw slithering on the patio of her apartment.

Kathy Kehoe said the squawking of some blue jays outside her unit caught her attention Monday. When she looked outside, she saw a 4 to 5-foot-long serpent.

The 73-year-old Kehoe says she noticed the lateral spot commonly found on cobras, grabbed a shovel and nudged its tail. When it rose and spread its hood, she realized it was a cobra. That's when she decided to kill it.

"I knew what I was doing was dangerous, I'm not a fool," she said in a phone interview on Tuesday. "I iust acted. I thought of the kids and other people in this community and I said 'I can't let this thing get away.'"

Her apartment complex in Fairless Hills, about 30 miles northeast of Philadelphia, is the same one where officials removed 20 venomous snakes from another apartment in March. Officials aren't sure if the cobra had escaped from that unit.

Wildlife officials say people who spot snakes should call police and let experts handle the situation.



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Health impact from smoke rises with more intense wildfires

By MATTHEW BROWN **Associated Press**

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) -Climate change in the Western U.S. means more intense and frequent wildfires churning out waves of smoke that scientists say will sweep across the continent to affect tens of millions of people and cause a spike in premature deaths. That emerging reality is prompting people in cities and rural areas alike to prepare for another summer of sooty skies along the West Coast and in the Rocky Mountains — the regions widely expected to suffer most from blazes tied to dryer, warmer conditions.

"There's so little we can do. We have air purifiers and masks — otherwise we're just like 'Please don't burn,'" said Sarah Rochelle Montoya of San Francisco, who fled her home with her husband and children last fall to escape thick smoke enveloping the city from a disastrous fire roughly 150 miles (241 kilometers)

Other sources of air pollution are in decline in the U.S. as coal-fired power plants close and fewer older cars roll down highways. But those air quality gains are being erased in some areas by the ill effects of massive clouds of smoke that can spread hundreds and even thousands of miles on cross-country winds, according to researchers.

With the 2019 fire season already heating up with fires from Southern California to Canada, authorities are scrambling to better protect the public before smoke again blankets cities and towns. Officials in Seattle recently announced plans to retrofit five public buildings as smoke-free shelters.



In this Nov. 16, 2018, file photo, the Golden Gate Bridge is obscured by smoke and haze from wildfires in this view from Fort Baker near Sausalito, Calif.

Associated Press

Scientists from NASA and universities are refining satellite imagery to predict where smoke will travel and how intense it will be. Local authorities are using those forecasts to send out real-time alerts encouraging people to stay indoors from the smoke. when conditions turn unhealthy.

The scope of the problem is immense: Over the next three decades, more than 300 counties in the West will see more severe smoke waves from wildfires, sometimes lasting weeks longer than in years past, according to atmospheric researchers led by a team from Yale and Harvard.

For almost two weeks last year during the Camp Fire, which killed 85 people and destroyed 14,000 homes in Paradise, California, smoke from the blaze inundated the San Francisco neighborhood where Montoya lives with her husband, Trevor McNeil, and their three children.

Lines formed outside hardware stores as people

rushed to buy face masks and indoor air purifiers. The city's famous open air cable cars shut down. Schools kept children inside or canceled classes, and a church soup kitchen sheltered homeless people

Montoya's three children have respiratory problems that their doctor says is likely a precursor to asthma, she said. That would put them among those most at-risk from being harmed by wildfire smoke, but the family was unable to find child-sized face masks or an adequate air filter. Both were sold out everywhere they looked.

In desperation, her family ended up fleeing to a relative's vacation home in Lake Tahoe. The children were delighted that they could go outside again.

"We really needed our kids to be able to breathe," Montoya said.

Smoke from wildfires was once considered a fleeting nuisance except for the most vulnerable populations. But it's now seen in some regions as a recurring and increasing public health threat, said James Crooks, a health investigator at National Jewish Health, a Denver medical center that specializes in respiratory ailments.

"There are so many fires, so many places upwind of you that you're getting in-

creased particle levels and increased ozone from the fires for weeks and weeks," Crooks said.

One such place is Ashland, Oregon, a city of about 21,000 known for its summer-long Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

During each of the past two summers, Ashland had about 40 days of smokefilled air, said Chris Chambers, wildfire division chief for the fire department. Last year, that forced cancellation of more than two-dozen outdoor performances. Family physician Justin Adams said the smoke was hardest on his patients with asthma and other breathing problems and he expects some to see longterm health effects.

"It was essentially like they'd started smoking again for two months," he said.

Voters in 2018 approved a bond measure that includes money to retrofit Ashland schools with "scrubbers" to filter smoke. Other public buildings and businesses already have them. A community alert system allows 6,500 people to receive emails and text messages when the National Weather Service issues smoke alerts.

"We really feel like we've made a conscious effort to adapt to climate change," Chambers said. "But you can't just live your whole life

inside." The direct damage from conflagrations that regularly erupt in the West is stark. In California alone, wildfires over the past two years torched more than 33,000 houses, outbuildings and other structures and killed 146 people.

Harder to grasp are health impacts from microscopic particles in the smoke that can trigger heart attacks, breathing problems and other maladies. The particles, about 1/30th of the diameter of a human hair, penetrate deeply into the lungs to cause coughing, chest pain and asthma attacks. Children, the elderly and people with lung diseases or heart trouble are most at risk.

Over the past decade as many as 2,500 people annually died prematurely in the U.S. from short-term wildfire smoke exposure, according to Environmental Protection Agency scientists.

The long-term effects have only recently come into focus, with estimates that chronic smoke exposure causes about 20,000 premature deaths per year, said Jeff Pierce, an associate professor of atmospheric science at Colorado State University.

That figure could double by the end of this century due to hotter, drier conditions and much longer fire seasons, said Pierce. His research team compared known health impacts from air pollution against future climate scenarios to derive its projections.

Even among wildfire experts, understanding of health impacts from smoke was elusive until recently. But attitudes shifted as growing awareness of climate change ushered research examining wildfire's potential consequences.

Residents of Northern California, western Oregon, Washington state and the Northern Rockies are projected to suffer the worst increases in smoke exposure, according to Loretta Mickley, a senior climate research fellow at Harvard University.





Viola Davis determined to go above and beyond on diversity

By JOHN CARUCCI **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — When Viola Davis started her production company nearly a decade ago, she was determined to bring about change in Hollywood with a strategic mandate: Normalize people of color on screen. "We're not social statements. We're mythical creatures all the time ... you can literally put pen to paper and write a great story that includes people of color, and it could actually sell," the Oscar winner said in a recent interview with The Associated Press.

Now, in the era of Time's Up and #MeToo, the call for diversity on all levels has been amplified. Some actors and directors have publicly called for 50-50 inclusion riders, contractual stipulations for the diversity of a film's cast and crew. But Davis says she doesn't need a piece of paper to do the right thing, and her projects don't try to replicate diversity simply based on statistics. "Maybe that's narcissistic of me, but I don't want to tell my daughter that because she's 12 percent of the population, she



This June 12, 2019 file photo shows Viola Davis speaking at the Women in Film Annual Gala in Beverly Hills, Calif.

only deserves 12 percent of the pie," Davis said.

She calls her JuVee Productions a "walking metaphor" of inclusion, noting that she has people of color and members of the LGBTQ community on staff at every level.

"Women are at the forefront of just about every project," she adds.

She started JuVee Productions with her husband, Julius Tennon, in 2011 so she could have more of a voice in her own career, as well as provide more diversity on set. Before that, Davis says, she often felt left out of the conversation. Davis spoke to the AP while promoting a documentary

Sugar." The actress, who has an early form of the

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disease and has lost family members to it, wants to use her celebrity to help raise awareness.

"That's what I can do. I'm not a politician. I'm not a senator. I'm not in the House of Representatives. I'm not in Congress. What on diabetes, "A Touch of I am is an artist. That's how

I provoke change," Davis said. Earlier this month, she signed on to Netflix's adaptation of "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," to be produced by Denzel Washington and co-starring Chadwick Boseman.

And JuVee has a slate of films on the horizon, including "Emanuel," a documentary released this month that explores life in a Charleston, South Carolina, community after a selfavowed white supremacist killed nine African Americans at a church there in 2015. The story focuses on the victims' family members, friends and community, and their efforts to heal through faith and forgiveness after the massacre at **Emanuel African Methodist** Church. Dylann Roof was convicted of federal hatecrime and obstruction-ofreligion charges and sentenced to death.

Davis also has a feature film in development, "The Personal History of Rachel Dupree," in which she stars. It is based on the Ann Weisgarber novel about a pregnant woman struggling to survive with her homesteading family in the early

Jagger appears healthy as Rolling Stones rock Soldier Field

By MICHAEL TARM **Associated Press**

CHICAGO (AP) energetic Mick Jagger skipped, spun, sprinted and pranced Friday night as the Rolling Stones launched their North American tour at Chicago's Soldier Field.

The 75-year-old showed no sign of ill health three months after the tour was postponed because a doctor said he required medical treatment.

By all visible indications: Jagger was Jagger.

Before a sold-out crowd of the band's finger-wagging frontman opened with "Street Fighting Man," running from the stage in the end zone area and down a narrow stage jutting into the crowd on what is normally the 30-yard line of the football field.



Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones performs during the "No Filter" tour at Soldier Field on Friday, June 21, 2019, in Chicago. **Associated Press**

cago Bears home stadium, ages 18 to 80, swayed and wear. As he bowed, firebobbed as they roared the lyrics in unison to the finale of one of the over 50-yearold band's favorites, singing, "Let's Spend the Night Together." Jagger sang for over two hours on a massive stage, with the city's skyline as his backdrop, and to pay homage to Chi-

around 60,000 at the Chi- A cross-section of fans, from seemed no worse for the works exploded overhead. The No Filter Tour was slated to start April 20 in Miami before doctors told Jagger in late March he required treatment, reportedly for a heart valve issue.

Jagger went out of his way

cago, a home of the blues and long considered an artistic inspiration by the band. He tipped a hat to the Chicago blues with the edgy "Midnight Rambler," which featured Jagger himself on harmonica.

"We love Chicago so much

we decided to start the tour here instead of Miami," Jagger said, to cheers from the crowd. He also gave a shout out to the new mayor of Chicago, Lori Lightfoot. The band stuck almost entirely to playing old classics, the set including "Let's Spend the Night Together," "Gimme Shelter," "Brown Sugar," "Sympathy for the Devil" and "You Can't Always Get What You Want." All the Stones are now in their 70s. Guitarist Keith Richards is also 75. Ronnie Wood, who plays guitar as well, is 72. Drummer Charlie Watts is the senior member at 78. And they seemed as enthusiastic as Jagger, and also showed no indication of slowing as the show stretched beyond two hours.

All the cities on the tour that were previously postponed are locked in, and there's a new date in New Orleans. A second show at Soldier Field, the home stadium of the Chicago Bears, is scheduled for Tuesday.

The coast-to-coast tour, which the Stones have said will feature classic hits, will include stops in Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Tickets sold for the original dates are being honored, but those who couldn't attend were able to get refunds by accessina their Ticketmaster accounts.

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This image released by Sony Pictures Classics shows a scene from the film "Maiden."

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Sail away with the must-see documentary 'Maiden'

By LINDSEY BAHR **Associated Press**

Just over 30 years ago, a woman named Tracy Edwards had the idea to lead an all-female crew in the Whitbread Round the World Yacht Race. It wasn't exactly met with a groundswell of support, or any support, for that matter.

The thing is, for a pastime that has so many feminine terms associated with it, there was a lot of ingrained sexism among its participants. The idea of even having one woman on board who wasn't doing the cooking and cleaning was seen as a liability. They're too weak! And Edwards herself, who everyone points out is a slight "wisp of a woman," was regarded as a nothing more than a side-show by the competitive yachting community and the journalists covering the sport.

But in 1989, at age 24, she did it. Her unlikely journey from misfit teen to feminist symbol, despite her distaste for the term, is exhilaratingly chronicled in the documentary "Maiden ," from director Alex Holmes. Told through interviews with

the now 50-something Edwards, her crew, the men she raced against and the journalists who covered her at the time alongside riveting footage from their harrowing trip around the world, "Maiden" is the best adventure film of the year so far. The story is so inherently cinematic you have to wonder why some enterprising Hollywood producer hasn't scooped up the rights to make an epic scripted film out of it already. Daisy Ridley is right there! But maybe the world just needed a little (re)introduction to Edwards and the tale of the Maiden.

It was quite a feat for these women to even get the chance to compete at all. Edwards spent two years looking for sponsorship to offset the costs of the pricev endeavor and was met with hundreds of declines, even from those who supported the mission. Companies were genuinely afraid that the women would all die and worried about the optics. They weren't wrong that death was a possibility. As Edwards says, the ocean is "always trying to kill you," but somehow the male

competitors were able to convince corporate sponsors to deal with the risk.

In a move she seems to regret now, she finally found support from King Hussein of Jordan who arranged for Royal Jordanian Airlines to support Maiden.

"Maiden" is not presented through rose-colored glasses either. There was a lot of conflict among Edwards' crew before they even set sail, and she ended up firing the most experienced sailor she'd recruited.

It is a delight watching these now middle aged women recount the details of their big youthful adventure, not to mention hearing from the men who doubted and dismissed them at every step. For the women, their gender was a non-issue. They were simply athletes in competition who wanted to win. For everyone else, it was all they could see. One journalist, Bob Fisher, is reminded of how he called them a "tin full of tarts" in an article. A contemporary admits that while his coverage wouldn't pass modern standards that he wasn't "quite as chauvinistic as Bob Fisher."

Barron's 'Black Mountain' stars his ex-mob enforcer

By BRUCE DESILVA **Associated Press**

"Black Mountain," by Laird Barron (Putnam)

Like a lyricist, Laird Barron excels at manipulating the tones and cadence of language. Like a Gothic novelist, the mood he creates is often bleak.

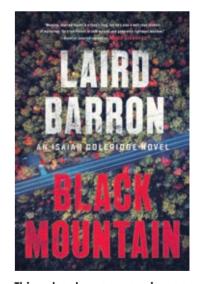
"You don't teach a child to become a killer by rote lectures," he writes. "To create a predatory machine, you foster an appreciation of the natural world and our minuteness upon its canvass... We are as nothing and that permits us to do anything."

It comes as no surprise, then, that Barron wrote both poetry and horror before turning to crime fiction with 2018's "Blood Stan-

dard," a novel that introduced former mob enforcer Isaiah Coleridge. At the start of that violent book, Coleridge appeared to be a predatory machine; but, by its conclusion, he vowed that from then on he would kill only those who have it coming.

Barron's new novel, "Black Mountain," finds Coleridge working as a private investigator in the Catskills mountains of upstate New York. There, the local mob boss hires him to find out who brutally killed two organized crime strong arms and why.

As Coleridge digs into the case, he learns that many other victims, mostly derelicts and prostitutes, have been murdered in a similar



book cover image released by Putnam shows "Black Mountain," by Laird Barron.

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fashion. Soon, his suspicions focus on another retired hitman, a mysterious psychopath known as the Croatoan, the name of a Native American tribe to which he may or may not be related. But the case proves to be far from straightforward.



Sheer spectacle: Paris is the real star of menswear shows

By THOMAS ADAMSON Associated Press

PARIS (AP) — The French capital, in all its splendor and architectural beauty, was the star of Paris Fashion Week Thursday as houses put on elaborate outdoor displays in some of the city's most iconic squares.

Louis Vuitton used the Place Dauphine by the Pont Neuf bridge to showcase its blooming flower-themed menswear designs.

Guests, including model Gigi Hadid, NBA star Lebron James and actor Joel Edgerton, sat in bistro chairs, sipped Vuitton coffee and ate designer crepes.

The Place des Vosges was Issey Miyake's chosen stage — a rare get, even by fashion week standards. The 17th century square was used with aplomb to put on the Franco-Japanese house's spectacular musical extravaganza in homage to the pleat.

Here are some highlights of the men's spring-summer 2020 collections.

LOUIS VUITTON'S BLOSSOM-ING BOYHOOD

Bystanders stopped to gawp at the sheer spectacle.

A bouncy castle, balloon sculptures, Louis Vuitton-branded flags and even a Louis Vuitton crepe stand populated the Place Dauphine — a normally quiet square that is well-known among Parisians as strolling territory — for designer Virgil Abloh's spring offering.

This season, Abloh's theme was the blooming flower. He used it literally in flower



A model wears a creation for the Vuitton mens Spring-Summer 2020 fashion collection presented in Paris, Thursday, June 20, 2019.

garland accessories and in prints of flower bouquets on loose silk twill shirts or on silk hoodies with a street-wise edge.

But he also used it metaphorically to produce a show that was, at its heart, all about growing up as a boy and developing a personal identity.

"Through the stages of boyhood, young men's encounter with clothes and fashion is yet to be influenced by societal programming. Our exploration of dress codes is still liberated... of social norms, gender conventions," Abloh explained.

This idea became the spring board for much experimentation among the 58 looks.

Large straw garden-

ing hats, baggy fuchsia skirts, billowing gray ponchos met white rubber boots and several looked meshed together surreally with a large kite. But while there were plenty of ideas, there was a hollowness to some looks, which seemed more aimed at delivering a forced message than a wearable aesthetic.

MIYAKE'S PARTY IN THE PARK

If the setting of one of Paris' most beautiful squares seemed grand, the occasion — the runway debut of Issey Miyake's newest line Homme Plisse — was an appropriate one.

It was a show unlike any other.

Models danced with umbrellas, ran, played soccer, tied ribbons around a mul**Associated Press**

ticolored maypole and, at the end, embarked on an all-out park carnival, replete with a musical band and drummers.

Even the normally pursedlipped fashionistas got up to dance.

With all the commotion, some almost forgot their reason for coming: The clothes. It was a simple, yet effective, collection of loose proportions.

As the brand name suggests ("plisse" means "pleats" in French), the display went all out on bouncing volumes and pleats, which is a house signature. Indeed, pleats and the use of cutting-edge techniques in fabric construction was originally responsible for making house founder Issey Miyake famous during

his 80's heyday. Eye-popping colors — cerise pink, bright medium blue, lavender blue, straw yellow and Venetian red — added a summer's lift to simple silhouettes that let the pleats do the talking.

A simple pair of tubular pants was endowed with a sublime paper-like feel owing to the crisp pleated lines. A loose hooded shirt in blue looked almost regal as the interlocking pleated segments fell and bounced at different angles.

It's still uncertain if the Homme Plisse collection will be a permanent fixture on the Paris calendar.

OWENS EXPLORES MEXI-CAN HERITAGE

Rick Owens said he was spurred on by U.S. President Donald Trump's policies on the Mexican border wall to explore his own personal Mexican heritage in this season's show.

The references produced a typically funky and complex display, but one that seemed only very loosely based on the Mexican theme.

A key look was the sharpshouldered tailored silhouette, often against a bare chest. It featured sometimes with dazzling sequins that Owens said were "like the folkloric skirts my mom wore in school pageants growing up in Puebla, Mexico." Raised in Southern California by a native Mexican mother, Owens said his father worked with Mexican migrant farm workers a point that influenced his creative process here.

Bulgari exhibit in Rome features "La Dolce Vita"-era jewels

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ROME (AP) — Glamorous jewelry and vintage fashion from the "La Dolce Vita" era are the star attractions of Bulgari's new exhibition in Rome.

The exhibition "Bvlgari, the story, the dream" includes the diamond-and-sapphire sautoir necklace that Hollywood star Richard Burton gave Elizabeth Taylor during their stormy love affair.

The exhibition is hosted in two historical palazzos, Palazzo Venezia and Castel Sant'Angelo. Palazzo Venezia tells the brand's history, beginning with its founding by Greek silversmith Sotirio Bulgari. The glamour comes in at Castel Sant'Angelo, where the "Hollywood and the Tiber" section features jewels owned or worn by legendary actresses including Sophia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida and Audrey Hepburn.

The installations also feature vintage haute couture pieces from the collection of Cecilia Matteucci Lavarini, with items from Christian Dior, Yves Saint Laurent and Schiaparelli. The show runs until Nov. 3.



A man looks at a Bulgari necklace and earrings in gold with diamonds from 1969 during a preview of the exhibition "Bulgari. The story, the dream" at St. Angel Castle in Rome, Tuesday, June 25, 2019.

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LGBTQ news coverage still evolving 50 years after Stonewall

By DAVID BAUDER **Associated Press**

NEW YORK (AP) — During the 1969 series of riots that followed a police raid of the Stonewall Inn, the New York Daily News headlined a story that auickly became infamous: "Homo Nest Raided, Queen Bees are Stinging Mad."

Some of the coverage of rioting outside the gay bar — unimaginable today in mainstream publications for its mocking tone — was itself a source of the fury that led Stonewall to become a synonym for the fight for gay rights.

Fifty years later, media treatment of the LGBTQ community has changed and is still changing.

"The progress has been extraordinary, with the caveat that we still have a lot to do," said Cathy Renna, a former executive for the media watchdog GLAAD, who runs her own media consulting firm.

Before Stonewall, mainstream media coverage of gays was generally nonexistent or consisted of negative, police blotter items.

When a small group demonstrated against government treatment outside the White House in 1965, a newspaper headline said, "Protesters Call Government Unfair to Deviants," noted Josh Howard, whose film "The Lavender Scare," about an Eisenhower-era campaign against gays and lesbians in government, aired on PBS this week.

A 1966 Time magazine article called homosexuality "a pathetic little second-



In this Monday, June 3, 2019, photo, pride flags and pride colors display on the Stonewall Inn bar, marking the site of 1969 riots that followed a police raid of the bar's gay patrons, in New York. **Associated Press**

rate substitute for reality, a ries in The New York Times pitiable flight from life. As such it deserves fairness, compassion, understanding and, when possible, treatment. But it deserves no encouragement, no glamorization, no rationalization, no fake status as minority martyrdom, no sophistry about simple differences in taste and above all, no pretense that it is anything but a pernicious sickness."

This is the sort of thing that Howard, who was 14 at the time of Stonewall, read about people like himself when he was young.

"It's a hard way to grow up," said the longtime CBS News producer. "I sort of realized that it was safe for me to be in the closet."

Stonewall got straightforward coverage at the time, although stoand the New York Post were buried well inside the newspapers. An Associated Press story from June 30, 1969, said "police cleared the streets in the Sheridan Square area of Greenwich Village early Sunday as crowds of young men complained of police harassment of homosexuals." New York television stations ignored it, so the visual record amounts to a handful of still pictures.

The Daily News story was filled with slurs, and it began: "She sat there with her legs crossed, the lashes of her mascara-coated eyes beating like the wings of a hummingbird. She was angry. She was so upset she hadn't bothered to shave." At the time, many demonstrators were more upset with riot coverage by the alternative now-defunct newsweekly The Village Voice, said Edward Alwood, author of "Straight News: Gays, Lesbians and the News Media."

One Voice writer holed up with police inside Stonewall and said he wished he was armed. "The sound filtering in doesn't suggest dancing faggots anymore," Howard Smith wrote. "It sounds like a powerful rage bent on vendetta."

Another Voice writer, Lucian Truscott IV, repeatedly referred to "faggot" and

"faggotry" and said of the rioters at one point, "limp wrists were forgotten."

"That event has generally been seen through political lenses," Alwood said. "It was also a wake-up call for the media."

The immediate impact was growth and a heightened profile for news outlets specifically oriented to gays and lesbians, said Eric Marcus, author of the book "Making Gay History" and host of a podcast of the same name.

Marcus wrote in an essay this week about how Time magazine's 1966 story "just about burned the skin off my face as I read it."

Time didn't cover Stonewall, but in October 1969 published a cover story about the emerging civil rights movement. While more straightforward in its reporting than the essay three years earlier, the story "was still dripping with sarcasm and contempt," he said.

Time published Marcus' piece as part of its Stonewall anniversary coverage, although it didn't apologize for its past work.

While outright hate within the mainstream media subsided through the years, discomfort and stereotyping persisted. The go-to gay image for most publications was a silhouette of two men holding hands.

Coverage of gays in the military, for example, focused on "showers and submarines," Renna said, or the unease of straight males in the presence of gays. Lesbians were barely mentioned, a sign of little awareness of diversity.

Through her work at GLAAD, Renna saw how Ellen DeGeneres' revelation that she was a lesbian, both the ABC sitcom character she played at the time and the comedian in real life, was pivotal to promoting understanding.

Renna has urged journalists to pay attention to their language. Being gay is not a lifestyle, she notes; "Having a dog is a lifestyle." She also urges the use of "sexual orientation" as opposed to "sexual preference," a recognition that being gay isn't a choice.

"The vast majority of journalists are not homophobic," she said. "They're homo-ignorant."

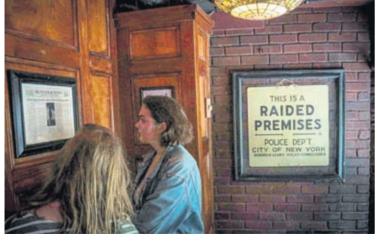
Renna, who wears her hair short and favors tailored suits, is used to being mistaken for a man. Until about a decade ago, people she would correct generally shrugged. As a sign of changing attitudes, "now people fall over themselves to apologize once they realize I'm a girl," she said.

A handbook of terminology for news organizations that is put out by LGBTQ journalists has helped increase awareness.

There are still missteps. The AP decreed in 2013 that its journalists would not use the word "husband" or "wife" in reference to a legally married gay or lesbian couple. After a protest, the AP reversed its call a week later.

Two 2017 entries in the AP Stylebook, considered the authoritative reference for journalists on the use of language, illustrate how far things have come since the "queen bees" days 50 years ago.

The AP endorses the use of "they, them or theirs" as singular pronouns (replacing he or she) if the story subject requests it, although the AP urges care in writing to avoid confusion.



In this Friday June 14, 2019, photo, Stonewall Inn visitors read news clipping headlining the 1969 riots that followed a police raid of the bar in New York.

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